

Good afternoon, USC!

Here are your updates for the week of May 17th-21st

Important Dates:

Monday May 24th: Victoria Day (Stat Holiday)

Important Information:

Parking:

Most lots campus-wide will have gates raised and parking will be complimentary until August 31st, 2021. Exceptions are the Medical Science and Kent Patient Lots where gates will be down (these lots are reserved for clinic patients only). Enjoy free parking at this time but please park only in regular unmarked parking spaces; do not park in reserved spaces, service vehicle spaces, fire lanes or hash lined areas.

Work From Home Stipend:

We plan on keeping the work from home stipend until the end of May, and then we will reevaluate based on the current situation at the time.

Departmental Updates:

PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT

Health and Wellness Benefit:

Just a reminder to use the electronic Health and Wellness Reimbursement Form when submitting claims. The form can be found in the quick links section on the right side of the main Staff Hub page or here - [Health and Wellness Reimbursement Form](#)

Wellness Program:

Just a friendly reminder that if you would like access to a Headspace account you can enroll for free using this link! Headspace is a wonderful app that has guided meditation sessions, workouts, podcasts, and playlists created to help you focus while doing work!

<https://work.headspace.com/universitystudentscouncilofwesternuniversity/member-enroll>

Headspace: This month Headspace put out a great ebook on turning negative stress into positive change. It really elaborates on the year we have experienced and some of the stress that may have been caused by that. If you are interested check it out at:

https://f.hubspotusercontent30.net/hubfs/4137181/2021%20eBooks/h4w_ebook_2021_jan_020

[321.pdf](#)

FINANCE

AP cheques will continue to be mailed, be sure to include an address. Please reach out to the Finance team regarding deposits and payments. We will do our best to accommodate your financial needs in a timely manner.

May year end, it's here, or almost here, this means Audit season has begun. It is important that you submit your accounting records to Accounting promptly. As well, reach out to your suppliers/vendors if you are waiting on invoices. For those of you who count inventory please ensure you are accurately recording our assets.

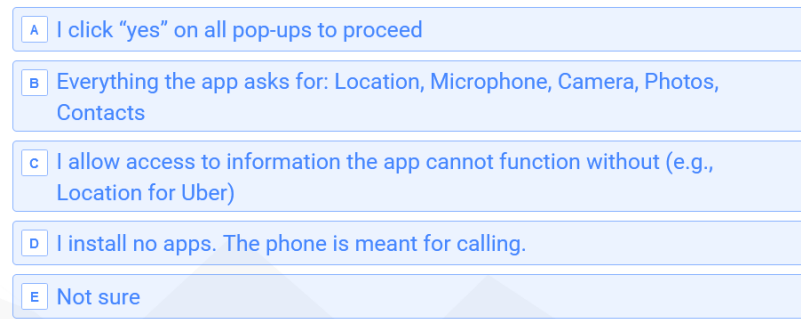
INFORMATION SYSTEMS

A recent study by virtual private network provider NordVPN ranked Canada third in the world (behind the US and UK) in their national privacy score. The survey evaluated how people in different countries understood and followed cybersecurity best practices. We scored lowest on our "digital habits" such as how much we share on social media, managing passwords, updating software, and limiting app behaviour on our cell phones. Consider this sample question....

When an app asks for permission to access your data, what do you allow?

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Select one or more answers



A screenshot of a survey question with five multiple-choice options. The options are:

- A I click "yes" on all pop-ups to proceed
- B Everything the app asks for: Location, Microphone, Camera, Photos, Contacts
- C I allow access to information the app cannot function without (e.g., Location for Uber)
- D I install no apps. The phone is meant for calling.
- E Not sure

What is your default behaviour? Do you know how to check what information and resources your apps can access? Here's a good primer on the topic:

<https://www.popsci.com/control-app-permissions/>

A newly discovered vulnerability in Adobe products is actively being exploited. Please check your computers -- WFH equipment and your own! -- for updates to the software. In most cases,

running the program and looking under the Help menu for “Check for Updates” is all you need to do. Affected products include Acrobat, InDesign, Illustrator, and many others. A complete list with links to manual installs can be found at

<https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/adobe-fixes-reader-zero-day-vulnerability-exploited-in-the-wild/>

PRODUCTIONS

We are excited to have John Petingalo join the Productions team in a full-time capacity effective June 1! John has been a valued member of the Productions team for many years, starting in a part-time role as a student and immediately showing an aptitude for all things tech. He has taken on additional responsibilities since graduating and for the past year has acted as Events Crew Supervisor. In his new role as Productions Supervisor, he will continue to support events and initiatives through direct supervision of part-time staff and will also expand into working more closely with clients to plan their events and undertakings. We are excited to see John develop further skills in this new capacity. He can be reached at his new email, john.petingalo@westernusc.ca. Congrats, John!

RESERVATIONS & BUILDING SERVICES