

Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience:

Participant Communication Document

Please review the current form for instructions on how to reach the Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience Laboratory, and to follow some COVID-19 related procedures.

Before you come in:

Prior to your scheduled participation date, we ask you to do a self-assessment regarding COVID-19 symptoms, following guidelines established by the province of British Columbia (<https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>).

If you feel that you are demonstrating symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in contact with an individual or environment with COVID-19, we ask that you reschedule your participation to a later date.

Please complete the previously mentioned self-assessment tool 24 hours prior to participation. You may contact us at KrigolsonLab@Gmail.com

What to expect:

Finding the Lab:

You will find the laboratory in the McKinnon Building, University of Victoria (behind the university Bookstore by the Bus Loop). Once you arrive to the building at the scheduled time (best entered by the main doors that face Ring Road), an assigned research team member of the laboratory will meet you in the McKinnon Building lobby, and will escort you to the testing area (McKinnon 0021: floor plan seen below).

Social distancing will be maintained during this time, and the assigned research member will be wearing appropriate PPE (i.e. face mask). We ask that you consider wearing an appropriate facemask if you have one, if not we are able to provide a disposable face mask. Hand sanitizer will be provided both at the lobby and upon entry to the laboratory.

Occupational Health and Safety signage will indicate proper flow of traffic to ensure appropriate social distancing throughout the McKinnon Building and Theoretical and Applied Neuroscience Laboratory.

Once you arrive to the laboratory, you will be directed to the testing rooms (follow the RED arrows on the floor plan). You may be either assigned to Testing Room 1 or Testing Room 2, dependent on when you were scheduled.

Consent forms and Questionnaires:

Before any data collection occurs, you will be asked to complete a consent form outlining the data collection process, and what the experiment entails. A sanitized pen will be provided to you, which will be yours to keep once data collection is complete. You will find additional information about periods in

which social distancing will be interrupted during the setup procedure. A summary of what to expect after consent will be:

- Completion of questionnaires on a tablet device
 - o All tablets are cleaned and sanitized after every use
- Measurement of your cap size to ensure proper fit for electrode positioning
 - o Measuring tapes and caps used are thoroughly disinfected and sanitized after use
- Placement of electrodes on the cap
 - o Electrodes are disinfected after every session
- Placement of electrode gel on the cap
- Experimental tasks
 - o Devices such as keyboards or button-boxes are sanitized and disinfected after every use.
- Clean up

The total expected time of interrupted social distancing will be between 30 – 40 minutes; however, majority of this time will be spent facing away from a research assistant with limited face-to-face time.

Clean Up:

As we are using electrode gel, you will be offered a sink to rinse your hair out (shaded region on the floor plan below). Sink space is routinely cleaned per Safe Work Plan regulations. Should you choose to rise your hair, you will have a minimum of 6ft between yourself and research members during this period. A mild baby-shampoo will also be offered: container disinfected and sanitized per sink maintenance.

Single-use towels are provided, and are laundered based on CDC recommendations for clothes and cottons.

After the Experiment:

Once your participation is complete, dependent on your method of recruitment, you will be offered a receipt of completion and/or financial compensation. A research member of the lab will then escort you to the McKinnon lobby, where you will be able to exit the building.

McKinnon 0021 Floorplan:

