

### Some Instructions for the Earth Ring Ceremony

What follows are the *rules* for the Earth Ring Ceremony (to be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Riddell Centre), as developed in conjunction with Health, Safety, and Wellness at the University of Regina. This is an attempt to *avoid an outbreak* such as that which occurred following a Ring Ceremony in eastern Canada.

- Do not attend the event if you are *ill*. Please let us know if you are ill.
- As per university policy *appropriate masks* must be worn (i.e., surgical, N95, KN95 – cloth masks or the like cannot be worn by themselves). If you do not have an appropriate mask, they will be provided at all of the main entrances to the university and at the event. If you chose not to wear a mask deemed appropriate by the university, you will be asked to leave the event.
- A *limit of 2 people per candidate* will be allowed owing to space restrictions at the venue and a list of attendees will be made just in case anyone needs to be contacted afterwards.
- *Testing for COVID* is strongly encouraged before attending this event. *Testing materials* are available from University Security in the RIC building (1<sup>st</sup> floor), the Geology DM Kent club room, or from Joanne/Jeanette.
- *Alcohol-based sanitizer* and *wipes* will be available at the event.
- *Parking*-the closest visitors pay parking is Lot 2 which is directly across from Riddell Center. Campus map: <https://www.uregina.ca/contact/assets/images/campus-map.jpg>.
- *Photographs* can be taken at the event, although photos without masks will have to be taken outside. Some places that candidates have taken photos in the past were in front of the Riddell Centre (beside the rocks), inside the quadrangle, and out by the University of Regina sign at the entrance to the university.
- The *post event reception* will be held at the same venue and will include finger food and drinks (either wrapped, in containers, or served by specific servers). We do ask though that, for the safety of all, you keep your mask on as much as possible during the reception.

Please pass this information on to your guests. Let Joanne/Jeanette know if you are not bringing 2 guests with you so that participants who need an additional guest can use that spot. For those who have been asking about appropriate attire, the event is semi-formal.

Overall, we hope that the ceremony and accompanying reception will be a great (and safe) event for all!

Sincerely,

The Earth Ring Ceremony Organizing Committee