

## **February GMM Report – Arghyadeep Sarkar, Health and Safety Officer**

Central Joint Health and Safety Committee (CJHSC) has been meeting regularly to discuss various safety norms which need to be applied across various building in McMaster University. Our recent was held on 17<sup>th</sup> of this month. Covid-19 related and other safety issues has been the primary form of our discussion in the committee. Since lockdown period has been over, this will bring some relief to our members. However, we expect COVID's norm to be followed across the campus especially while working inside McMaster's buildings.

We are currently having few positions for CUPE members to be filled across various building at Mac. According to the records, the following Joint Health and Safety Committees are without CUPE 3906 representatives: DeGroot (Units 3), Ivor Wynne/David Braley (Units 2 and 3), Libraries and Museum of Art (Units 1, 2, and 3), McIARS (Units 1, 2, and 3). If you like to be in one of the committees, please put up your nomination. We will hold elections to fill up these positions.

For more detail knowledge, please visit ( <https://hr.mcmaster.ca/resources/covid19/workplace-health-and-safety-guidance-during-covid-19/>) for more info. The members who require experimental research are being only being allowed and that too self-voluntarily. Occupancy in the labs has been reduced to half capacity. Please make sure if you are going to the University, you are well co-ordinated with your supervisor as to regards to your own safety. However, if certain members are still being enforced to work under these extremely difficult circumstances without proper personal protective equipment and are feeling endangered, please do contact us. We, as a union rep are ready to help to the best of our capacity. If any members would like to come forward and request any health and safety concern, the union would be happy to assist in that process. Any members experiencing problems of this nature are encouraged to send an email to [healthandsafety@cupe3906.org](mailto:healthandsafety@cupe3906.org) and share their stories.