

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

A reminder that the University of Calgary's **COVID-19 virtual Town Hall** will take place **today, Thursday, Mar. 19, 2020, from noon to 1 p.m.** It will be live streamed on the university's [COVID-19 web page](#).

The webcast will provide information on UCalgary's response to COVID-19 and answer questions from the university community. Questions can be emailed to covid19comms@ucalgary.ca.

Volunteering

- [Thank you](#) to everyone who has stepped up to help during this time — from assisting with distance learning to volunteering at 811 call centres. Many of our medical students have also been dedicating their time to contact tracing, which is particularly impactful and appreciated.
- Many faculty members and residents have volunteered to help with the remote delivery of medical school content. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue-Ann Facchini, pre-clerkship supervisor, at safacchi@ucalgary.ca.
- UCalgary is forming a crisis support team to help community members in distress, including international students. Watch for opportunities to help.

Learning and working

- Watch my [video message](#) to the Cumming School of Medicine community.
- Thank you for contributing to our public health goal of flattening the curve.
- If you're finding it difficult to settle into a new way of learning or working differently, please talk to your instructor or supervisor.

Education

- The Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) is working with other units across the university to support graduate students.
- FGS is striving to reduce the disruption of academic and research activities, and is providing guidance on key issues that may affect students and their program.
- [Learn more](#).

Community support

- UCalgary is working on an information series for the Calgary community which will provide expert insights in a variety of formats, including webinars, podcasts and Facebook Live events.
- Topics will range from the nature of the virus and the importance of stopping the spread, to caring for your children while working from home.
- If you'd like to participate as an expert or have topic ideas, email csmdean@ucalgary.ca.

Webinar

- Watch this [Medical Grand Rounds presentation](#) on Covid-19 by Drs. Christopher Mody, MD, Jeff Schaefer, MD and Kelly Zarnke, MD, that took place on Mar. 17. You'll be prompted to install the Adobe Connect Add-in, which is a quick and easy process.
- Watch this [update on COVID-19](#) from the Office of Continuing Medical Education and Professional Development.

I encourage you to participate in today's Town Hall. If you have follow-up questions, they can be directed to csmdean@ucalgary.ca.

I recognize the strain that's being placed on everyone and am grateful for all the work that's being done. Thank you!

Sincerely,

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