



## COVID-19 daily update Confirmed cases within CSM community

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Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

Further to the email you just received from President McCauley, we've just learned of two confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) community. These cases are associated with the Edmonton Curling Bonspiel — an annual event that usually attracts 50-60 physicians from Western Canada — that was held Mar. 11 to 14. Attendees were following provincial health and safety protocol at the time, which limited public gatherings to under 250 people.

The people who've tested positive are individuals who interact with both the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services (AHS) community. UCalgary, AHS and Alberta Health have been made aware of this situation and we're taking all possible mitigation steps, from isolation to testing and contact tracing (identifying people who may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19).

Although this is an unfortunate situation, it's not unexpected. We anticipate additional cases of the virus, which emphasizes the importance of hand washing and social distancing.

For more information and updates on COVID-19, visit the [CSM's web page](#), [UCalgary's website](#) or [Alberta Health Services' website](#).

I know this news may cause concern and spark a lot of questions. I'll continue to send updates as more information becomes available. In the meantime, please send any questions or concerns to [csmdean@ucalgary.ca](mailto:csmdean@ucalgary.ca).

Sincerely,

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