

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

I hope you were able to take some time to recharge this weekend. The COVID-19 situation continues to evolve rapidly, which has triggered the University of Calgary to increase preventative measures.

Learning and working

- On Saturday, Mar. 21, the university issued a directive for students, postdocs, faculty and staff to work from home.
- Only those performing functions that require you to be onsite should work on campus.
- Faculty and staff who need to retrieve things from their office should do so today, Monday, Mar. 23. To ensure everybody doesn't come to campus at once, please co-ordinate your trip to campus with your supervisor.
- Many summer studentships have been cancelled. Please consider if you have remote projects that summer students can assist with.

Research operations

- All research teams and units are asked to work remotely as much as possible.
- Select research, scholarship and creative activities may be allowed to continue onsite. These activities must be registered and approved by UCalgary. Visit the [guidance for researchers website](#) for details. If you have questions, please contact Dr. Paul Schnetkamp, associate dean of research infrastructure, at pschnetk@ucalgary.ca, or Dr. Gerald Zamponi, senior associate dean of research, at zamponi@ucalgary.ca.
- The clinical research facility, located on the fifth floor of our Teaching, Research & Wellness building, will remain open for urgent clinical research needs, including research pharmacy. For more information, contact Sabine Moritz, director of clinical, health services and population health research, at sabine.moritz@ucalgary.ca.

Education

- Classes for Bachelor of Health Sciences, Undergraduate Medical Education and Graduate Science Education students continue to be offered remotely.
- Thank you to those who have helped with the remote delivery of medical school content. If you're interested in helping, please contact Sue-Ann Facchini, program supervisor, at safacchi@ucalgary.ca.
- Our Continuing Medical Education team is available to help with education materials related to COVID-19. Please send product suggestions and requests to cme@ucalgary.ca.

Clinical access

- The Cumming School of Medicine's (CSM) leadership team is creating a list of clinicians and administrative assistants who will need intermittent access to their offices. It's recognized there are items in your office, such as patient charts, which are important for the delivery of care.
- University of Calgary Medical Clinics will remain open to provide urgent patient care. The majority of clinical interaction will be done via phone, and recommendations from Alberta Health Services will be followed for in-person visits.
- Speciality nurse-run clinics will continue to operate.

Volunteering

- The CSM is compiling a list of physicians who have access to NetCare and are able to help with contact tracing.
- So far, over 200 people have signed up. This is an impressive number and I want to extend a very sincere thank you to those who have volunteered.
- If you're interested in signing up, visit cumming.ucalgary.ca/volunteer to complete the form.
- Continue to watch for additional volunteer opportunities within the university community.

Library and bookstore

- Librarians and staff from the Health Sciences Library are available to support students and faculty via [email](#) and [online chat](#). Individual librarians may also be contacted directly.
- The Medical Bookstore, located in the Health Sciences Centre, is closed. If you need assistance, contact jonesal@ucalgary.ca.

To read previous CSM updates, visit cumming.ucalgary.ca/covid. For additional COVID-19 information and recommendations, visit ucalgary.ca/covid-19 or ahs.ca/covid.

I'll continue to communicate daily, but don't hesitate to send a note to csmdean@ucalgary.ca if you have questions, concerns or need assistance.

This is a difficult time for all, and I recognize that. I'm proud of the hard work, dedication, caring and kindness shown by our CSM community. Your health and safety is what matters most — take good care of yourself, your colleagues and your family.

Sincerely,

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