

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

I hope you're all finding some normalcy in this new, temporary way of life.

Learning and working

- Beginning today, Thursday, Mar. 26, building access on most University of Calgary campuses will switch to summer hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Regular hours will continue for the Foothills campus.
- Only those performing functions that require you to be onsite should work on campus. For example, the limited number of people working on essential research activities or those who intermittently need to access clinical information.
- The [information for faculty and staff](#) section on the university's COVID-19 website has been updated to outline temporary guidelines to help address questions and concerns that you may have during the COVID-19 crisis.

Education

- Clinical clerkships have been put on hold until Jun. 15, 2020. This date is subject to change and more information will be shared when it becomes available. Clinical clerks have been helping in other ways, such as at 811 call centres, and are encouraged to continue doing so.

Mail delivery

- Our Distribution Services team continues to send and receive mail as per usual. However, the team will not be delivering shipments to end users. Please pick up your shipments from Distribution Services between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. If you've received a perishable shipment, you'll be notified via email.
- If you have any questions, please contact Ron Bailey at baileyr@ucalgary.ca or 403-210-5499.

Research operations

- All trainees and staff should be working from home.
- While there will be some very specialized circumstances where some individuals are given permission to come to campus, no one should feel pressure to do so.
- Staff and trainees who are asked to work onsite should only be doing so if they feel comfortable and effective social distancing strategies are in place.
- If you have questions, please contact Dr. Paul Schnetkamp at pschnetk@ucalgary.ca or Dr. Gerald Zamponi at zamponi@ucalgary.ca.

Requests for COVID-19 supplies

- The Office of the Vice-President (Research) is co-ordinating institutional contributions of COVID-19 supplies, including reagents and personal protective equipment.
- If you receive a request for supplies, please contact Eoin O'Grady at epograd@ucalgary.ca.
- There's an urgent need for certain reagents required for provincial COVID-19 testing. Please visit the [guidance for researchers web page](#) to review the list and contact Benedikt Hallgrimsson at hallgri@ucalgary.ca if you have any of the reagents listed.
- I want to extend a sincere thank you to Eoin and Benedikt for co-ordinating these efforts. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Volunteering

- Over 600 of you have signed up to help Alberta Health Services with COVID-19 response efforts. This is a very impressive number. Again, thank you all so much for your willingness to help. I encourage anyone wishing to assist our health-care system to submit a volunteer form at cumming.ucalgary.ca/volunteer.
- The university has also created a [volunteer support portal](#), which is open to all UCalgary community members who have the capacity and skills to provide support during the COVID-19 crisis.

COVID-19 educational resources

- Join researchers from the O'Brien Institute for Public Health on Friday, Mar. 27, from noon to 1 p.m., as they discuss how decision makers are responding to the COVID-19 crisis and the lessons we can learn from the rest of the world. [Register for the webinar](#).
- Connect to valuable insight and advice from UCalgary experts on the university's new [community support web page](#). The resources can help you manage impacts to your daily life as we all adjust to concepts such as social distancing and self-isolation.

Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) updates

- With the increased amount of email being sent, CSM Connect, our weekly e-newsletter, has been temporarily suspended.
- Stay connected with the CSM community by following @UCalgaryMed on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).
- I will continue to send these daily COVID-19 updates. If you have questions or suggestions on items to include in these messages, please send an email to csmdean@ucalgary.ca.

I encourage anyone needing extra support during this challenging time to access it through [wellness services](#).

Thank you, and stay well.

Sincerely,

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