

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

I hope you're having a good week so far. For today's update, I will start with information about building access, as changes will begin early next week.

Building access

- The following changes will be implemented on **Monday, Apr. 20**.
 - Barriers will be installed on the ground floor at the east entrance to the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) to help distance patients visiting the University of Calgary Medical Clinics from UCalgary faculty and staff.
 - Clinical faculty who need to access their offices located in UCalgary building space will be able to do so from the first floor of the HSC, using the 1510Z hallway (the hallway that provides access to theatres 3 and 4).
- The following building access restrictions will come into effect on **Tuesday, Apr. 21**.
 - Doors leading into the +15 pedway that connects the Lot 6 parkade and the HSC will only be accessible by Alberta Health Services (AHS) staff. UCalgary faculty and staff will not be permitted to use this connector.
 - The Teaching, Research & Wellness (TRW) Building will switch to card access only.
 - Those who have a parking permit for the TRW parkade will still be able to park in this location.
 - For clinics operating in the TRW Building, arrangements have been made for patients to park in front of the main entrance or in the service parking lot located on the north side of the building. Clinic employees will then meet the patients at the doors, screen them for COVID-19 and escort them to the appropriate clinic space.
 - The HSC north entrance, located off Hospital Drive across from the Lot 6 parkade, will remain unlocked. However, faculty and staff who enter the HSC will be required to swipe their access card on a newly installed card reader located just inside the doors.
 - If the card reader recognizes your card as having authorized accessibility, you may proceed. If it does not recognize your card, you'll need to speak with a staff member located at our temporary check-in station. Check-in staff will assist you with your access requirements.
 - The check-in station will be staffed between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 7 a.m. to noon on weekends.

- Plans are in place to install a card reader on the exterior of the building. After it's installed, you will be asked to swipe your card prior to entering the building. More information will be shared when it becomes available.
- If there are items you need to retrieve from your locker or workspace, please to do so by end of day **Monday, Apr. 20**. In order to avoid multiple team members being on site at the same time, please speak with your supervisor prior to arriving on campus. If you require your desktop computing equipment at home, please complete the [IT Equipment Agreement](#).
- If you think you'll need to maintain building access and have not yet completed the building access form, please do so at cumming.ucalgary.ca/access.

Learning and working

- The Health Sciences Library is offering remote support for EndNote users. For online help, please connect with one of our EndNote instructors, [Brian Evans](#) or [Lourdes Yturzaeta](#).
- UCalgary's Information Technologies team is recommending Microsoft Teams for online meetings. For those who need assistance with using Microsoft Teams, directions, FAQs and tips can be found [here](#).
- The City of Calgary wants to improve 16 Avenue NW between Sarcee Trail and Crowchild Trail, and is looking for ideas from those who work and study at our Foothills campus. Visit engage.calgary.ca/futureof16avenuenw by Sunday, Apr. 19, to provide your input.

Research operations

- When research staff are in AHS spaces, all AHS policies and procedures must be followed. This includes infection prevention and control practices, and workplace health and safety rules. Please see the [latest guidance from AHS](#).

UCalgary resources

- Coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19, are unlike anything our health-care system has seen before. Dr. Chris Mody, MD, a professor and head of our Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Infectious Diseases, answers some of the most common questions about how you can protect yourself and others from the virus. [Read his Q&A here](#).

Moving forward, I'll share updates twice a week — on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions or ideas, please continue to send them to csmd dean@ucalgary.ca.

Sincerely,

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