

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

It has been more than eight weeks since most of you began learning online or working from home. Thank you for the hard work, creativity and resilience you've shown during this time. If you're still trying to adjust to this unusual way of life, the University of Calgary has a wide range of resources available to [students, faculty and staff](#).

### **Building access**

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### **Education**

- Clerkship for current medical students will recommence on **Monday, Jun. 15**. The new class of medical students and first-year postgraduate medical education students (PGY1s) will begin clerkship on schedule in July. Our Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) leadership team appreciates the clinical expertise and teaching excellence of our faculty, and looks forward to new beginnings.

### **Research operations**

- Our CSM leadership team understands that researchers and trainees are eager to return to work. The Government of Alberta will determine the timing and requirements for reopening post-secondary institutions, and will share those details with UCalgary's Crisis Management Team (CMT). Once CMT develops a university-wide process that is compliant with government regulations, the team will communicate it to the CSM. In the meantime, meetings within our faculty are taking place to discuss back-to-work strategies so that we're ready when the time comes. I understand that the waiting period is difficult and appreciate your patience. I'll share more information when it becomes available and invite you to send your questions to [csmdean@ucalgary.ca](mailto:csmdean@ucalgary.ca).
- The resumption of research in Alberta Health Services (AHS) facilities is under discussion, but will also depend on when and how clinical operations can resume within those facilities, and how research activities can be structured to ensure the safety of participants and study staff.
- A reminder that trainees and staff who are asked to work onsite should only be doing so if they feel comfortable and effective social distancing strategies are in place.

- The weekly UCalgary Biomedical Engineering and Innovate Calgary COVID-19 Research Forum continues with this week's meeting on **Thursday, May 14, at 1:30 p.m.** In addition to updates from COVID-19 research teams, Dr. Jamie Kaufman, PhD, interim director, Ward of the 21st Century (W21C), will present services offered by W21C and answer your questions. If you would like to receive agendas and meeting invitations for this ongoing series, please email [bme@ucalgary.ca](mailto:bme@ucalgary.ca).

#### UCalgary resources

- [Public health lessons of COVID-19: What we've learned so far](#): Join Verna Yiu, president and CEO of AHS, along with a panel of UCalgary experts led by President Ed McCauley, today, **May 13, at noon**, as they discuss the public health and health system preparedness lessons learned from COVID-19. [Register for the webinar](#).

#### Mental health and wellness during COVID-19

- Join Dr. Todd Hill, PhD, senior lecturer in the CSM's Department of Family Medicine, on **Wednesday, May 20, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.**, for an online Introduction to Mindfulness session. Participants will learn more about mindfulness and be given the opportunity to engage in easy-to-learn exercises that can be used by anyone, anywhere. [Register now](#).

#### CSM in the news

- Congratulations to Dr. Gerald Zamponi, PhD'93, Dr. Suzette Cooke, MD'96, PhD'15, and Dr. Jaelene Mannerfeldt, MD'89, recipients of the CSM's 2020 Alumni of Distinction Award. [Read more](#).
- Personal protective equipment course led by Dr. Ghazwan Altabbaa, MD, prepares more than 200 health-care workers for the frontlines. [Read more](#).
- UCalgary researchers have developed a new method to test for COVID-19 that can provide results in 30 minutes without the need for high-tech equipment and the reagents that have been in limited supply worldwide. [Read more](#).
- UCalgary medical students give back to their teachers and mentors. [Read more](#).
- For more CSM news, follow @UCalgaryMed on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

I hope you have a terrific week.

Sincerely,

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