

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

On May 22, the University of Calgary announced that significant work is being done behind the scenes to prepare a phased re-entry strategy for our campuses. [Read the full message.](#)

Research operations

- On May 20, the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) hosted a Town Hall meeting to discuss the processes of on-campus research activities. The recorded discussion, presentation, Q&A, and an example of laboratory operating procedures are available [here](#). If you have any questions or comments, please email Dr. Gerald Zamponi, PhD, senior associate dean of research, at zamponi@ucalgary.ca, or Dr. Marcello Tonelli, MD, associate vice-president (research), at cello@ucalgary.ca.
- Last week, Dr. William Ghali, MD, vice-president (research), shared an update on research operations. Visit the [guidance for researchers web page](#) to read the full message from May 22.
- On May 15, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced \$450 million in funding to [help Canada's academic research community during the COVID-19 pandemic](#). I will share more information on this when it becomes available.

Learning and working

- The Health Sciences Library is offering remote support for EndNote users. For online help, please contact your EndNote instructor, Lourdes Yturzaeta, at lyturzae@ucalgary.ca.
- Physician parents are experiencing unique challenges during the pandemic. The University of Calgary Psychology Clinic and Well Doc Alberta is offering a webinar on **Wednesday, Jun. 3, from 7 to 8:15 p.m.**, that will help you understand how COVID-19 affects children and offer strategies to cope during this unprecedented time. [Register here](#).

Education

- The [Wellness Innovation Scholarship for Health Professions Education and Health Sciences](#) team is conducting research to better understand the wellness needs of CSM learners during COVID-19. If you're a student and are interested in helping to inform wellness planning and policies, please [complete the 15-minute online survey](#) by **Tuesday, Jun. 2**.

UCalgary resources

- [Anatomy of a Pandemic: How COVID-19 is impacting children's health and mental wellbeing:](#) Join the O'Brien Institute for Public Health on **Thursday, May 28, from noon to 1 p.m.**, for a digital forum that will address how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting younger populations and how you can support children and youth during this crisis. [Register now.](#)

Mental health and wellness during COVID-19

- The CSM's Working Our Way to Wellness (WOWW) Committee is offering daytime and evening total body strength fitness classes. For more information or to sign up for a class, [click here](#). To receive weekly online class notifications, please email woww@ucalgary.ca.

CSM in the news

- Face-to face interaction between a patient and their family is beneficial to their overall health. The current visitor limitations due to COVID-19 have prompted many groups within the Foothills Medical Centre to seek ways to help facilitate these interpersonal connections. In support of a larger initiative called the Patient Virtual Experience, the Internal Medicine Resident Charity Committee has organized a Tablets for Patients fundraiser. If you wish to support the purchase of these critical communication tools, please visit the [Tablets for Patients Eventbrite web page](#) by **Sunday, May 31**.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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