

Students, trainees, faculty and staff,

With the City of Calgary making masks mandatory in all indoor public spaces starting Aug. 1, I'm sure many of you are wondering what that means for those learning and working on campus. You can expect to see more information about mask use shortly.

I'd also like to remind you that entrances to our Foothills campus buildings will be unlocked between 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, and will be locked overnight and on weekends. If you require access outside of these hours or on weekends and have not completed the building access form, please do so at cumming.ucalgary.ca/access.

Review our [July 15 update](#) for information on building access, return to campus planning, parking and more. For up-to-date return to campus information, visit ucalgary.ca/covid-19.

Learning and working

- The University of Calgary and the City of Calgary have partnered through the [Urban Alliance](#) to improve the nine blocks that surround City Hall. If you live or work in downtown Calgary, I encourage you to [complete this 10-minute survey](#) about the safety and vibrancy of the downtown area.
- [UCalgary Sustainability](#) has launched a new eLearning course — An Introduction to Sustainability. This online course explores what sustainability means to our UCalgary campus, how you can get involved, and is open to all students, faculty and staff through [Enterprise Learning](#). For faculty and staff, this course will provide credit towards the [UBegin program](#).

Education

- Registration for [Basic Principles of Pharmacology \(MDSC 621.01\)](#) is now open for Fall 2020. This one-semester graduate course focuses on the concepts and mechanisms underlying drug action and signal transduction in the context of cellular and tissue function. For more information, please contact Dr. Mark Giembycz, PhD, at giembycz@ucalgary.ca or Dr. Andy Braun, PhD, at abraun@ucalgary.ca.

Research operations

- Research projects that are conducted solely in Alberta Health Services (AHS) facilities do not require completion of an Expanded or Critical Research Designation form. However, if your project involves UCalgary graduate or medical students, please review the following.

- **Graduate students:** Please complete the [Graduate Students Returning to AHS Facilities survey](#). Similar to the [Expanded Research Designation for graduate students](#), students will be contacted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies to ensure they're comfortable returning to campus for their research activities.
- **Undergraduate medical students:** Please ensure that [UCalgary's Experiential Learning Guidelines](#) and [AHS' guidelines for researchers](#) are followed. Students and supervisors must acknowledge these guidelines by [completing this form](#). There's no need to send the completed form to the Undergraduate Medical Education office, but supervisors are asked to keep it on file and make it available should there be a request to see it.
- Visit the Cumming School of Medicine's [endowment competitions web page](#) for upcoming opportunities.
- Review our [July 8 update](#) for information on lab occupancy and details on what principal investigators should consider.

CSM in the news

- Seham Elmrayed, a PhD student in Community Health Sciences, helps vulnerable entrepreneurs find clarity and success through a new COVID-19 student initiative. [Read more.](#)
- Loneliness affects one in three people in the industrialized world, with racialized groups disproportionately bearing the burden, writes Dr. Aleem Bharwani, MD, in The Conversation Canada. [Read more.](#)
- A UCalgary study led by Dr. Miranda Fidler-Benaoudia, PhD, finds global trends in women's breast cancer show cause for concern. [Read more.](#)
- Cardiac surgery resident and doctoral candidate, Dr. Ali Fatehi Hassanabad, MD, receives prestigious Vanier scholarship. [Read more.](#)

Monday, Aug. 3, is a university holiday. I hope you enjoy the rest of your week and have a safe and happy long weekend.

Sincerely,

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