

Good Morning,

A new directive (please see below) has been issued requesting UC staff to work from home. Exemptions are being made for critical research activities including clinical trial activities.

I am completing an exemption request for HMRC and the AHS Research Pharmacy and will need the names and UCIDs of the investigators and study staff who will still need to be on site in HMRC or are physically accessing HMRC or the AHS Pharmacy.

Please sent the requested information for your team to [pallavi.noojibail@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pallavi.noojibail@ucalgary.ca) as soon as possible.

Thanks so much,

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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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Important messages were shared with the campus community yesterday by both President Ed McCauley and Vice-President (Research) William Ghali concerning changes in operations at the University of Calgary. Here's a recap of the messages:

### **RECAP: Directive for faculty, staff, postdocs, and students to work from home**

On Saturday, March 21, the University of Calgary issued a directive for faculty, staff, postdocs, and students to work from home. Accordingly, all research teams and units must do their utmost to follow this directive to work remotely. However, it is possible for allowances to be made for critical research, scholarship and creative activities to continue on site. For selected research activities to proceed on campus, they must be registered and approved by the university — visit the [COVID-19 Guidance for Researchers website](#) for details. Highlights of Saturday's announcement:

- The [COVID-19 Guidance for Researchers website](#) contains details about how to identify and register critical research that is to continue on campus,

including action to take if you require ongoing access to on-campus facilities or infrastructure during this time.

- Regardless of whether your research work is designated “critical” through the described process, please continue your work to the best of your ability in a virtual or work-from-home setting.
- No member of the university community should feel pressured to work on campus if they are not comfortable to do so.
- In the spirit of preparing for the unknown, we suggest that in your move to a work-from-home environment, you plan for the possibility of an extended period of remote work.

Stay organized, plan ahead, and stay safe. If researchers have questions or comments, please contact the VP Research office at [vpr@ucalgary.ca](mailto:vpr@ucalgary.ca)

### **RECAP: Two individuals tested positive, preventive measures increased on campus**

On Saturday, March 21, President McCauley shared the news that two individuals — one associated with the Haskayne School of Business, and the other, our Spy Hill campus — have tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus). They are the fourth and fifth cases associated with the University of Calgary and they triggered a number of increased preventive measures for the campus community:

- Effective Sunday, March 22, all faculty and staff who can perform their work from home should do so, until further notice. Faculty and staff who will need to come to campus retrieve things from their office should do so on Monday, March 23. We want to ensure not everybody comes to campus at once and there is enough room for social distancing, so please coordinate any trip to campus with your supervisor.
- The Taylor Family Digital Library, and vendors on campus including vendors in MacEwan Student Centre and Yamnuska Hall, are being directed to close effective Sunday, March 22.
- All students in residence who have the ability to go home, should do so no later than next Sunday. We understand this will not be an option for everybody and we will continue to accommodate any students who cannot go home, including international students.

We can expect the number of cases that touch our institution and other areas of our lives to rise in the weeks to come. Read President McCauley’s [full message here for more details](#).

If you are looking for more information between updates, you can always find the most current information on **UCalgary's COVID-19 website**.

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