

Important update for Monday, December 7

Changes to in-person learning at Davis and HMC

December 5, 2020

Dear Sheridan community,

In response to increasing infection rates across the province, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities issued clear direction to post-secondary institutions at 7 p.m. last night that imposes new restrictions on in-person learning within the grey “lockdown” zones.

The total number of students permitted in each in-person instructional space cannot exceed 50 persons for specific healthcare programs or 10 persons for any other program. This new direction will demand that some faculty members will need to make changes to the delivery of their in-person classes.

As a result, please note the following:

- **All in-person classes and activities will be cancelled on Monday, December 7 at HMC and Davis.** This will give faculty time to make any necessary changes to the delivery of their in-person classes as required.

- **All online classes will continue as scheduled on Monday, December 7 at HMC, Davis and Trafalgar Campuses.**

- **In-person learning at our Trafalgar Campus in Oakville will continue as scheduled** as Halton Region has not been moved into the grey lockdown level.

Sheridan takes directives from our Ministry and our local public health authorities seriously. Our efforts to date have prevented COVID-19 outbreaks at Sheridan, protected the health and well-being of our community, and allowed Sheridan to remain operational.

Students will also receive a communication indicating that any changes to their course delivery will be posted to SLATE sections on Monday and a reminder to check back often for updates.

I appreciate that the suddenness of these new restrictions adds another layer of disruption to what has already been a difficult nine months. Our Emergency Operations Centre team remains committed to working with colleagues across Sheridan to support this change. Should you be in need of personal support, please remember that Sheridan’s employee and family assistance plan is available 24/7 by calling 1-844-880-9142 or by visiting workhealthlife.com.

Later this month, the fall semester will conclude. Academic leaders are confident that all students will have the opportunity to meet all program learning outcomes. I have every confidence that – together – we will navigate the operationalization of this new direction successfully.

Sincerely,

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