

A message from Dr. Kathryn Cameron

Chief Risk Officer and Chair, Emergency Operations Centre

New provincial lockdown measures

January 13, 2021

Dear Sheridan Community,

Effective tonight at midnight, the Ontario government is issuing a [stay-at-home order](#) requiring everyone to remain at home with limited exceptions.

Sheridan has done significant planning for the winter term with the possibility for new restrictions in mind. These changes **do not affect Sheridan's schedules or in-person learning and assessments for the Winter 2021 semester**. Most classes will continue to take place online. The total number of students allowed for each in-person instructional space remains 50 for specific health care programs or 10 for all other hybrid programs. **The winter 2021 semester will begin on January 18 as planned.**

Essential on-campus activities for employees and students

While the majority of our community is working and studying at home, there are still many who must travel to campus. Please only go to campus if you have already been instructed to do so by your manager or if you are taking a course that has been designated for on-campus delivery. Before coming to campus, you must:

- Complete Sheridan's mandatory COVID-19 training video
- Complete the COVID-19 self-assessment on the [Sheridan Alert!](#) app

When you are on campus, you must:

- Follow all procedures for accessing campus through our Security team
- Have your onecard with your winter2021 sticker with you at all times
- Always be at least two metres apart from others and wash or sanitize your hands frequently
- Wear a mask (including when outside, such as waiting in a lineup).

Schools and child care

Schools serving students in K-12 in Peel, Toronto, York, Hamilton and Windsor will be closed until February 10, 2021. By January 20, 2021, the Chief Medical Officer of Health will advise on which other public health units, if any, will be permitted to open schools earlier. Given that many in our community are juggling work with care for children and elders in our homes, we ask all our managers to be as flexible as possible with work demands and timelines.

Carpooling

During the pandemic, public health officials discourage carpooling and we ask that you refrain from carpooling if possible. If you must carpool, advice for reducing risk is [available here.](#)

As always, government direction can change as this situation evolves, so please continue to monitor your Sheridan email to ensure you have the latest updates. Thank you for taking the time to read this update and for doing your part to protect the wellbeing of the Sheridan community.

Sincerely,

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