

## GLOBAL EMAIL – STUDENTS – March 26, 2020

Subject: Loaner Laptops, Winter & Spring Term, Food Security and Community Exposure

Dear Sheridan Community,

In an effort to keep you informed and feeling connected – without flooding your inbox – I’m sharing the next “round-up” of key updates regarding Sheridan’s commitment to facilitating teaching and learning throughout the pandemic. Beginning next week, I plan on scaling back and sending emails three times per week. Rest assured, however, that -- should there be the need for an urgent update -- I will share it promptly.

### Loaner Laptop Program

Following a priority outreach initiative to students preparing to graduate from programs that do not typically require a laptop, we are now working to make laptops available to students across Sheridan who need them to complete their studies. The loaner laptop program is now open on a **first-come, first-serve basis**.

- To request a laptop, please visit the [Loaner Laptop Program page](#) and fill out a [request form](#).
- Your laptop will be delivered to you by courier, free of charge
- Laptops must be returned to Sheridan via courier by the end of the Winter 2020 term
- This service is being offered at no cost to students.

While we are working hard to source additional laptops, please know that inventory is limited. Please be sure to request your laptop as soon as possible.

### Winter Academics

We remain committed to ensuring that students are able to complete the winter term. We appreciate, however, that personal circumstances may impact your ability to do so. **As such, the date to withdraw without academic penalty has been extended to Friday, April 3, 2020.**

There will be no in-person final exams. All final exams **will be held in accordance with the winter 2020 timetable**. Any change to the evaluation plan will be communicated to students on a course-specific basis through SLATE no later than March 30 so that you can make an informed decision about withdrawal without academic penalty.

For the winter 2020 semester only, students who do not pass a course will be assigned a grade of Unsatisfactory (U). As per the Grading Policy, you will not be granted credit for courses in which a ‘U’ was earned and the U grade will not impact your GPA. You will be required to repeat the course where necessary to complete program requirements. This will be reflected on your permanent transcript as a reflection of Sheridan’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The

course where a (U) grade has been assigned will not count as a course attempt.

## Spring Term

The spring-summer semester will begin on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 and end on Friday, August 14, 2020. The semester will be 12 weeks in length in addition to a break week from June 29 to July 3. Sheridan's [academic calendar](#) has been updated to this effect.

## Food Security

Thank you to the Sheridan Student Union for relocating all of the items in their foodbanks to the Sheridan Residences. We are tremendously grateful for all that you do in support of our learners.

Food security is a challenge for many people in Oakville, Mississauga and Brampton, including members of the Sheridan Community. The following chart shares links to the organizations that offer assistance. Please check with each provider for hours of operation or any other service protocols in effect during the COVID-19 pandemic.

	Oakville	Mississauga	Brampton
<b>Food Sources</b>	<p><b>Fareshare Foodbank Oakville</b> <a href="http://www.oakvillefoodbank.com/">http://www.oakvillefoodbank.com/</a></p> <p><b>Food4KidsHalton</b> <a href="https://www.food4kidshalton.ca/">https://www.food4kidshalton.ca/</a></p> <p><b>Kerr Street Mission</b> <a href="https://www.kerrstreet.com/">https://www.kerrstreet.com/</a></p> <p>The Oakville Community Foundation's <a href="#">Halton Interactive Food Map</a> outlines food banks and other food programs in Halton.</p>	<p><b>Mississauga Food Bank</b> <a href="http://www.themississaugafoodbank.org/">www.themississaugafoodbank.org/</a></p> <p><b>Seva Food Bank</b> <a href="http://www.sevafoodbank.com/">www.sevafoodbank.com/</a></p>	<p><b>Regeneration Outreach</b> <a href="https://regenbrampton.com/">https://regenbrampton.com/</a></p> <p><b>Knight's Table</b> <a href="https://knightstable.org/">https://knightstable.org/</a></p>
<b>Shelter/Housing</b>	<p><b>Halton Region Housing Services:</b> <a href="https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Housing-Supports-and-Services">https://www.halton.ca/For-Residents/Housing-Supports-and-Services</a></p>	<p><b>Region of Peel Housing and Homelessness Services during COVID019:</b> <a href="https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/housing/">https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/housing/</a></p>	<p>The <a href="#">Region of Peel's Interactive Food Map</a> outlines food banks and other food programs in Peel.</p>
<b>Directory of Community Service Agencies</b>	<p><b>Directory for Halton Region</b> (covering Oakville, Burlington, Acton, Halton Hills, Milton and Georgetown): <a href="http://search.hipinfo.info/">http://search.hipinfo.info/</a></p>	<p><b>Directory for Peel Region</b> (covering Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon): <a href="https://peel.cioc.ca/">https://peel.cioc.ca/</a></p>	

## Community Exposure

You may have read the [article](#) confirming that a Brampton Transit Bus Driver has been diagnosed with COVID19. The driver was working March 10, 11, 12 and 13 on four routes:

- Route 11: [Lisgar GO Station - Steeles Ave East - Humber College](#)
- Route 51: [Brampton Gateway Terminal - Steeles Ave - Hereford South](#)
- Route 53: [Brampton Gateway Terminal - Sheridan College - James Potter Road](#)
- Route 57: [Brampton Gateway Terminal - Charolais Blvd - Flower City Community Campus](#)

The City of Brampton is advising all riders who travelled on these routes to self-monitor for symptoms and to contact your doctor or Peel Region Health at [905-799-7700](tel:905-799-7700) or 911 if they experience serious symptoms. For instructions on how to self-monitor, please see the “Protecting Everyone” section of our [COVID-19 site](#).

### **Shuttle Pass Refunds**

Sheridan will provide a prorated refund for all monthly shuttle pass holders for the period of March 23 to 31 as well as a full refund for April passes. The refund will be returned to your OneCard, reflecting the method of payment used to purchase the pass. To initiate a refund, please email [shuttle@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:shuttle@sheridancollege.ca)

As always, a copy of this email will be archived on our [COVID-19 site](#). We refresh the FAQs daily so please continue to check there for updates you may have missed.

I know how hard it can be to stay focused, energized and positive right now. Our routines have been turned upside down, everything around us is changing rapidly, and there’s great uncertainty as to how long this pandemic will last and how it will unfold.

Please know that there are [supports available](#) to you. Ours is a caring community filled with people who want to help. Please don’t hesitate to ask.

Until tomorrow,

Janet Morrison  
President and Vice Chancellor