
Subject: Alternate Delivery of Classes & Services Due to COVID-19

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Dear Sheridan Community,

Sheridan has been actively monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic since early January and has made decisions based on the best guidance available from federal, provincial and municipal health authorities. While the risk to Canadians still remains low, the time has now come for Sheridan to pivot.

Sheridan will suspend classes (including continuing education) for a one-week period from March 16-20 inclusive to give us time to adjust curriculum for alternate modes of delivery. Our goal is to contribute to social distancing efforts to limit transmission of the virus.

Given the prominence of hands-on learning at Sheridan, we recognize that it will not be possible to move to a fully online mode of course delivery. Some students will need to come to campus to access libraries, services, studios and labs. The potential exists for access to be staggered and in smaller numbers. Details will be finalized shortly.

Sheridan is not closing. Employees are expected to report for work, but we will be implementing flexible work arrangements to the extent possible. If you are feeling sick, please do not come to campus. You are putting others at risk.

Beginning on March 23, learning will resume in alternate formats, with the intent to have students finish the winter term on schedule.

Our campuses, buildings, residences and libraries will continue to remain open with security on site; Athletics & Recreation will close as of tonight. We will continue to implement preventative measures as recommended by public health agencies as well as our own health and hygiene protocols. All Sheridan events and gatherings will be cancelled until the end of the winter term.

We appreciate that this decision will pose a challenge for many. Sheridan is taking this extraordinary measure in an abundance of caution. The health and wellbeing of our community is always our top priority.

We fully appreciate that you will have many questions and wonder how these plans will affect you. We are actively working through the details and we promise that we will provide frequent updates as decisions are finalized. If not sooner, you'll hear from me again on Monday, March 16, 2020.

In the meantime, please send questions to careandwellness@sheridancollege.ca and visit our [dedicated webpage](#) for more information, including Frequently Asked Questions.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate this unprecedented situation together.

Sincerely,

Janet Morrison
President and Vice Chancellor

