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Subject: COVID-19 update for Sheridan Community

Our alumni are an important part of our community, and as Sheridan continues to monitor and act in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, we want to keep you informed about actions we are taking to ensure the health and well-being of our 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. Beginning on March 23, learning will resume in alternate formats, with the intent to have students finish the winter term on schedule.
- 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 on that will be forthcoming for our students.
- Sheridan is not closing. However, if you are visiting campus you may experience some delays in service as we are asking employees who are feeling sick to stay home to avoid putting others at risk.
- Our campuses, buildings, residences and libraries will continue to remain open with security on site. However, all Athletics & Recreation facilities will close as of 6 p.m. today (March 13).
- **All Sheridan events and gatherings will be cancelled until the end of April. This includes ALL alumni events. If you have registered for an alumni event, you will receive a refund to the credit card you used to make the purchase in the coming days. The alumni team will be in touch with updates on when alumni events will resume.**

We will continue to implement preventative measures as recommended by public health agencies as well as our own health and hygiene protocols.

Sheridan is taking this extraordinary measure in an abundance of caution. The health and well-being of our community is always our top priority. For more information on our response, visit our [dedicated webpage](#) for more information, including Frequently Asked Questions.

If you have any questions about Alumni activities and services, please contact the Alumni Office at 905-815-4078 or email alumni@sheridancollege.ca.

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

Sincerely,
Janet Morrison
President and Vice Chancellor