

Global email – employees and students – March 27, 2020

Subject: #SheridanHelps

Dear Sheridan Community,

The challenges inherent in responding to the pandemic continue to have a real and far-reaching impact on valued members of our communities, both within and beyond Sheridan. Understanding that this global health crisis is causing significant economic hardship, we are coordinating responses that are consistent with our character.

### **Emergency Aid for Students**

First and foremost, we recognize that many students have urgent and pressing needs related to basic food and housing security. Others, we know, lack access to the Internet to learn remotely.

To provide immediate assistance to students in crisis, Sheridan is in the process of making available an initial sum of \$1M in emergency student aid. The details regarding the application process will be available early next week.

### **Sharing our Resources to Support the Community**

Beyond our campuses, Sheridan has heard the pleas for equipment, consumables, and access to technology. In response, we are working actively to mobilize our resources to support our communities through, among other efforts, the Ontario Together initiative.

On the healthcare and equipment front, Dr. Michael O’Leary, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies is taking the lead. Following a comprehensive survey of our inventory, Dr. O’Leary is working with William Osler Health System to donate what we have to Brampton Civic Hospital, a key partner.

We’ll also provide access to our laboratories, technology and innovation capacity through Dr. Michelle Chretien, the Director of our Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Design Technologies.

Finally, requests for access to our physical space are being channeled through Michelle McCollum, Sheridan’s Associate Vice President, Capital Development and Facilities Management. To access any of these leaders and/or to contribute to this cause, please email: [sheridanhelps@sheridancollege.ca](mailto:sheridanhelps@sheridancollege.ca)

Stay tuned, Sheridan. By early next week, you’ll be hearing more on both of these fronts.

I continue to be inspired by the creativity, ingenuity and compassion that personifies our Sheridan community. This pandemic is bigger than any of us; I am more certain than ever that harnessing our collective capacity and demonstrating compassion are the keys to navigating this uncharted territory successfully.

Warmly,

Janet Morrison  
President and Vice Chancellor