

**Date:** Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:21 PM  
**To:** Sheridan Staff  
**Subject:** Access to Campus, Laptops and Relief Efforts

Dear Sheridan Community,

Today marked the first day of remote teaching, learning and working for the entire Sheridan community. We remain committed to completing the Winter term, albeit through alternate means of delivery.

The events of the past 10 days continue to change often and Sheridan continues to take action.

### **Access to Campus – March 24 at 5pm deadline**

Earlier this afternoon, the Premier of Ontario announced the mandatory closure of all non-essential workplaces effective as of Tuesday, March 24th at 11:59 p.m., for a period of 14 days, with the possibility of an extension. He also announced that organizations that can deliver services remotely will be allowed to operate.

At this time, Sheridan is proceeding on the belief that we can continue to run our Winter term, through alternative/remote forms of delivery.

As a result of the Premier's announcement, any employee who still wishes to come to campus to retrieve items from an office or classroom space will have until 5pm on Tuesday March 24 to do so.

### **Loaner Laptop Program**

We continue to do our best to ensure that access to technology is not a barrier that could prevent anyone from completing the Winter term. A communication was sent this past weekend to students who are in programs that do not typically require a personal computer or laptop to complete coursework. We are doing our best to quickly source and provide laptops for students who are in need.

### **Provincial Relief Effort**

Many of you may have heard about the launch of the [Ontario Together](#) platform that calls on organizations to lend their technology (like 3D printers) or products (like swabs, ventilators and masks) to help meet the challenges of COVID-19. We are on it. Where feasible and reasonable, Sheridan will contribute to the effort. We are already working with leaders across Sheridan to determine what is possible and to respond to the call.

### **Support**

I know that being away from our familiar routines can be unsettling and uncomfortable. We have resources to help.

If you or your family members are feeling stress or anxiety, please remember that you can contact Sheridan's Employee and Family Assistance Provider, Morneau Shepell, 24/7/365 by calling 1-844-880-9142 or visiting [www.workhealthlife.com](http://www.workhealthlife.com).

The Government of Ontario has also updated its online self-assessment tool for COVID-19 to make it more interactive. If you think you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, please use the tool to determine how to seek further care: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0>

Once again, I'd like to thank you for your dedication, patience and understanding as we navigate challenging times together. Your tireless efforts are noticed and deeply appreciated by our students, their families, our industry and community partners and by your fellow work colleagues.

You make me ever proud to lead at Sheridan.

Warmly,

Janet Morrison  
President and Vice Chancellor