

Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:51 PM

To: All Students

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 student who still wishes to come to campus to retrieve items from a locker 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 many resources to help.

For counselling and wellness, please see: <https://www.sheridancollege.ca/news-and-events/coronavirus/health-and-wellness>

For remote learning, please visit: <https://www.sheridancollege.ca/news-and-events/coronavirus/remote-learning>

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>

I'd like to close by reassuring you that your faculty have your best interests in mind and have worked tirelessly to ensure they can deliver their remaining material. We are committed to ensuring that you can achieve the learning outcomes that you were promised when you chose Sheridan.

Thank you once again for your patience and understanding as we navigate challenging times together.

Warmly,

Janet Morrison
President and Vice Chancellor