

Subject: COVID-19 Update

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To: Members of the campus community

From: Dr. Thomas Chase, Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Members of the University community,

The University of Regina is suspending all classes and labs (both face-to-face and those currently offered online) from Monday, March 16 through Thursday, March 19. During this time, the University will remain open.

This four-day period of suspended classes will:

- reduce the possibility of COVID-19 being spread on our campuses;
- ease the degree of stress students are currently experiencing;
- allow faculties and teaching staff to make the necessary arrangements to deliver coursework at a distance for their students going forward; and
- allow the faculties to communicate clearly and consistently with students regarding the continuation of academic programming.

Given the gravity of the COVID-19 challenge, no face-to-face instruction will take place for the rest of the term. Beginning on Friday, March 20, classes will resume through teaching at a distance only. Teaching at a distance will continue through the remainder of the Winter 2020 semester.

Once determined, the process for completing final exams at a distance will be communicated to students well in advance of the exam period.

A further update will be provided later today at www.uregina.ca.

In the meantime, I wish to reassure students, faculty and staff that the University remains committed to their health and safety. We are working to ensure students' continued progress through their academic programs in the current term.

Thank you for your patience and understanding at what I know is a challenging time.

Sincerely,

Thomas Chase, PhD

Provost and Vice-President (Academic)