

Dear Members of the University community,

In consultation with the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Ministry of Advanced Education, and in alignment with today's release of Saskatchewan's COVID-19 new prevention measures, the University of Regina is cancelling all non-essential events on and off campus that are not directly tied to the academic progress of students until April 30, 2020, at which point it will be reassessed. This includes third party events and activities that have been booked to occur on campus.

University organized or sponsored public lectures and events as well as non-academic student events/gatherings are cancelled until further notice. For any event for which a fee was paid by attendees, the fee will be refunded. Please contact the event organizers directly to receive a refund.

We understand the effort that goes into planning and developing these events and regret the necessity to make this difficult decision. However, the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors is paramount and cancelling events that are not core to the teaching and research mandate of the University to facilitate social distancing is the right thing to do.

For now, classes, seminars, labs, field work and work experience activities will continue. As well individual drop-in counselling, UR Guarantee, and advising sessions will continue. A separate notification will be sent out should there be any changes required to these activities. Please continue to monitor your email and the website for updates.

In public spaces where groups still gather, we are encouraging people to practice social distancing and careful hygiene.

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 it is important for everyone to follow appropriate health precautions: wash hands often and for at least 20 seconds; cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with a tissue or the bend of your elbow; avoid touching your mouth, nose or eyes with unwashed hands, practice social distancing by avoiding shaking hands or hugging and keeping your distance from anyone who is ill, if you become sick avoid contact with others, self-isolate, monitor your symptoms and immediately report worsening of symptoms to a healthcare provider, HealthLine 811, or if it is an emergency 911.

Please refer to the [HS&W COVID-19 web page](#), for the latest updates on this issue.

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