

## STUDENTS AND ACADEMIC CONTINUITY

*Message sent on behalf of Professor Dionne Gesink, Acting, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, DLSPH*

Dear Students,

Your course instructors have been working to ensure your academic continuity by developing new plans for course delivery now that in-person classes have been cancelled. They will communicate the new plan to you, if they have not already.

### **International Students:**

We understand that many international DLSPH graduate students are faced with difficult decisions regarding whether to return home, given the increasing challenges with international travel. We have decided that DLSPH graduate students will not be required to return to the St. George campus for the remainder of the Winter 2020 session. Course Instructors will provide more information regarding completion of term work and exams.

### **Accessibility Services:**

Students registered with Accessibility Services should continue to contact Accessibility Services to receive accommodations and supports.

### **Current Practicum Placements:**

We are working on a practicum placement plan for the current term. As we sort this out, please also talk with your practicum supervisor about a work continuity plan, including at what point in-person work will no longer be possible and whether the practicum can continue remotely.

The VPs of Education at the TAHSN hospitals decided to pause all practicum placements in their hospitals for three weeks – until April 6, 2020. Please confirm with your practicum supervisor regarding host institution's procedure and planning and keep your practicum placement coordinator at DLSPH up-to-date on your situation.

### **Spring/Summer Practicum Placements:**

We are working on a practicum placement plan for the spring/summer term. All International placements schedule for the spring/summer have been cancelled. If you already have a practicum in place for the spring/summer, please talk with your practicum supervisor about work continuity, including the host institution's procedure and planning. Again, please keep your practicum placement coordinator at DLSPH up-to-date on your situation.

### **Spring/Summer Courses:**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, summer session classes may be delivered via a method other than in-person instruction (including online platforms) for part or all of

the term. A final determination of delivery mode will be made by April 20 for spring and summer courses, and by June 13 for summer-only courses. Decisions regarding courses that cannot be accommodated online or that are to be cancelled will be communicated to students who have registered in those courses.

### **Mental Health:**

We know this is a complicated and stressful time. Please know that supports continue to be available to you, including through My Student Support Program ([My SSP](#)) and [Good2Talk Student Helpline \(1-866-925-5454\)](#). Please consider bookmarking the UofT StudentLife website that provides links to [other resources](#).

For more information please consult your program contact:

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