Stay-at-Home Order Issued by Provincial Government

Dear Staff and Faculty,

The Ontario Government has declared a state of emergency and announced new measures to curb the spread of COVID-19 in the province. A stay-at-home order is set to take effect on Thursday, January 14 at 12:01 am ET. The order requires people in Ontario to remain at home, with exceptions for accessing health care, groceries, pharmacy services, essential work, and for exercise. The announcement can be found on the provincial government website.

Queen’s is committed to implementing these new measures as quickly as possible. We are seeking further clarification regarding several aspects of the announcement, including on-campus access. Those who perform essential functions that require a physical presence on campus can continue to work on campus, ensuring that they follow all health and safety protocols including face coverings and physical distancing measures.

We will provide further information as soon as we have clarity on the new regulations. In the meantime, anyone who can work from home must do so.

In-Person Learning

At this time, there are no additional changes to in-person learning on Ontario campuses beyond what was communicated to the Queen’s community on December 23. The restrictions and exceptions for in-person instruction for post-secondary students (e.g., exceptions for clinical training) remain in place.

Research

For already approved on-site research activity, if researchers can safely work remotely (from home) they should do so, only coming on campus as necessary. New requests for on-site activity are suspended. Important information on research continuity planning, including on-site access, human participant research, and field research, is available on the Vice-Principal (Research) website.

Once again, I want to thank our staff and faculty for your continued flexibility in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

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