

Dear colleagues,

As you know, the Ontario Government has declared a [state of emergency and announced new COVID-19 measures](#). This will require people in Ontario to remain at home, with exceptions for accessing health care, groceries, pharmacy services, essential work, and for individual exercise. Below you will find details on how this directive impacts the Department's operations.

### **Use of the Department's buildings**

- Effective immediately, use of the Department's buildings will be limited to essential activities such as approved research operations and mandatory curricular and simulation activities. This restriction will remain in place until February 11, 2021.

### **Work locations**

- Anyone who can work from home must do so until further notice.
- 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. For one-time access that lasts less than 15 minutes, please complete the spreadsheet located [here](#) to log your time and location and to ensure that you are not exceeding any limits in terms of capacity. For one-time access that lasts longer than 15 minutes, or for longer-term access, please refer to the Department of Psychology COVID [website](#) for forms and further information. If you have any questions about access or the forms, please contact me.

### **Research**

- Previously approved on-campus research operations will continue, however, human participant research occurring on campus has been suspended.
- New requests for on-site research activity involving human participants have been suspended.
- More information is available on the [Vice-Principal \(Research\) website](#).

### **Students and education**

- Students are still expected to [quarantine for 14 days](#) after any travel outside of the Kingston area before resuming any on-campus activity, including activities at the Queen's Psychology Clinic.
- Some programs and placements (e.g., clinical practicum sites) will have additional guidelines and protocols in place; students should follow any instructions provided by their program and placements.

Thank you for your patience, and please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

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