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To: OISE Students

From: Dean Glen Jones

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Re: Update on COVID-19

The University of Toronto (and of course OISE) is continuing to closely monitor the coronavirus situation. The University has established a steering group of senior administrators, including leaders who responded to the SARS crisis in 2003, to coordinate U of T's response across its three campuses. The University also has academic and business continuity plans that will be enacted if needed. Also, the OISE Deans and Chairs continue to review the information from the University and are prepared to coordinate our response as appropriate.

Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health continues to advise that the risk to Ontarians is low. The University has prepared answers to [some FAQ's and provided some helpful contact numbers](#). We recommend that you stay informed on the latest information about symptoms and treatment, how to protect yourself, and the status of COVID-19 by following any of the credible information sources (which are being updated regularly) listed at the bottom of this message.

If you will be travelling for one of your courses or to an academic conference, you can access additional resources and contact information on the student [safety abroad website](#). At this time, it is important for all students travelling on University-sponsored activities to register with Safety Abroad.

We also recommend you adopt the following practices:

- Register your international university travel with [Safety Abroad](#)
- Add additional contact information to [UT Alerts](#)
- Make sure your contact information on [ACORN](#) is up to date, including your emergency contact information
- Check your mail.utoronto.ca email account on a regular basis
- Look for the latest information about your classes on [Quercus](#), Pepper and any additional platforms as appropriate.

We are preparing contingency plans should the situation change and will keep you informed if we need to alter our regular operations. Our preparations revolve around the need to ensure the health of our community, and the continuity of our courses and programs.

Finally, we all need to practice basic protective measures against COVID-19. Please consider these tips from [Toronto Public Health](#).

Resources:

Health

- [Toronto Public Health](#)
- [Ontario Ministry of Health](#)
- [Public Health Agency of Canada](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

Travel

- [Government of Canada Travel Advice \(COVID-19\)](#)