March 17, 2020

Dear Members of the OISE Community,

As you may have heard, the University of Toronto is now taking steps to close our facilities to the general public as a further movement towards addressing the challenges presented by COVID-19. The OISE Building will be closed to the general public effective at midnight tonight (March 17, 2020), and access will be quite limited. OISE faculty, staff and students who require access to the building should contact OISE security at 416-978-3636 to be let in. Please note that for security reasons, these individuals will be asked to present identification (such as a T-card, business card, or OISE keys) and to sign in. For individuals who have a fob, the only access at this point is via the parking garage through the elevator/stairwell on the ground floor, behind the café. From there walk to the center stairs to access the main elevators.

A relatively small number of individuals will continue to work in the building in order to maintain essential academic and business functions, but all other faculty, staff and students are asked to work from home.

Please watch for additional updates from the University of Toronto (and OISE).

My thanks to all of you for your continuing patience, and for working hard to transition to this new phase. We have a strong, caring community at OISE, and we need to ensure that we continue to support all of those who may be particularly vulnerable, or feel isolated.

Take care,

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Professor and Dean