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Sent: January-12-21 7:47 PM
To: FABG-L@LISTSERV.UTORONTO.CA
Subject: FW: Provost's Provincial Announcement

Sent to members of CPAD, CASD, C&C, FABG, DAG:

Dear all,

Please see the email below from the Provost, which you may want to share with members of your units, or use it to inform your own communications to them.

If you have any A&S questions please contact the following:

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As always, I will share any new information as I receive it.

Best regards,

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From: Provost <provost@utoronto.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2021 6:19 PM
To: P&D
Subject: Provincial Announcement

Dear Colleagues,

Earlier today, the Ontario government declared a second provincial emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (EMPCA). This step was taken in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts. As part of these new measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, the province is issuing a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes **effective 12:01 am on Thursday, January 14**. The province is asking individuals to limit travel to essential purposes such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care services, for exercise or for essential work.

Provincial modelling shows the growth in COVID-19 cases has accelerated, leading to increased hospitalization rates and ICU occupancy. In response, the government is enacting the following additional public health measures:

- Outdoor organized public gatherings and social gatherings are further restricted to a limit of five people with limited exceptions.
- Individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of businesses or organizations that are open. Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended outdoors when you can't physically distance more than two metres.
- New restricted hours will be in place for non-essential retail stores.
- New authority will be provided for enforcement.
- In-person instruction for K-12 grades in select areas including Toronto and Peel Region will not return until February 10, 2021.

These enhanced public health and workplace safety measures are in effect for all of Ontario and are anticipated to be in place until at least Thursday, February 11.

Under these new measures we will continue to deliver courses remotely, with exceptions for those deemed essential. All those who can work from home must be supported to do so. We anticipate that research activities on U of T campuses can continue as they have in lockdown. There remain many details still to come linked to today's announcement. We will review the updated regulations to assess their impact on the University's operations.

As has been the case since the pandemic began, the University remains committed to playing our part in ensuring the health and wellbeing of our community. We also are committed to supporting those members of our community who continue to juggle work and childcare during the pandemic. As I know you have been doing since last Spring, I ask that you continue in your support of parents and caregivers by showing flexibility during this period.

The weeks ahead are expected to be difficult as we face the latest wave of this pandemic. I remain hopeful for the future and look forward to the acceleration of the vaccine rollout in the coming months and the time when we can resume more regular on-campus activities.

Thank you all for the resourcefulness and innovation you continue to show as we adapt to an ever-changing situation and work in new ways for the benefit of our students.

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