

Dear AUArts Community;

It is with an abundance of precautions that we are **suspending all classes and studios** from Monday, March 16 to Saturday, March 21 in order to prepare to transition classes online through to the end of the semester. Classes will resume Monday, March 23, using alternative modes of delivery.

Following the recommendation of the Crisis Management Team, this time is necessary for the academic side to transition to an online environment. As you are aware, being a mostly studio-based institution, not all classes easily translate to alternative delivery interfaces. As these are exceptional circumstances, they require exceptional responses and the understanding and cooperation of everyone.

Further communications to various constituent groups will be provided soon by the Office of the Provost, Human Resources, Student Affairs, and Continuing Education.

As per the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services Chief Medical Office direction, our campus will remain open. AUArts staff and faculty will be working hard on transition plans and preparing for business continuity, however the following services will be reduced:

- Library -- closed Monday, March 16
- Lodgepole Center -- closed until Monday, March 23
- Tutoring and Writing Centre -- closed until Monday, March 23
- Cafeteria -- closed until Monday, March 23

For those students living in SAIT residence, currently regular operations in residence continue as normal.

As of today, Sunday, March 15, we have not received any public health notices of a confirmed or presumptive case within the AUArts community, and we have not received any notifications of an increased risk to our community. If you believe you have been exposed, stay home and immediately contact AHS Health Link 811 to follow their instructions. It is imperative that if you are sick, you must stay home.

We want to support all students and employees through this difficult time. We recognize the uncertainty and stress of the situation. We will do our very best to keep everyone informed as



this situation unfolds. If you have any questions, you can email covid19@auarts.ca. We encourage you to download the AUArts Safe App and watch the auarts.ca website for notices.

Thank you for your understanding.

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