

March 16, 2020

2nd Update

To all CNIH students and colleagues,



CNIH has been monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak in Ottawa, and around the world. While we don't have any reported cases on campus, the health and safety of our community is our top priority. That's why, as a precaution, we have decided to suspend in-person classes from **Monday, March 23 to Friday, March 27**. This includes all in-person daytime and Continuing Education classes.

The decision to suspend classes was not taken lightly, but the health and well-being of our community, both at CNIH and across the city of Ottawa, is our priority. We have never before been faced with a situation as dynamic and evolving as this, and we are making decisions as swiftly as possible, with the guidance of public health officials.

Dental Hygiene Program Students New and Returning

- In-Person Classes suspended March 23 - 27.
- In-Person Classes/New Term will resume March 30.
- Clinic will resume April 1st.

Students that have traveled outside of Canada during the interim break must send an email directly to nmegill@cnih.ca with your destination and return date. This information will be reviewed and appropriate actions taken that align with Health Canada and Public Health Ontario protocols. Please send this information before March 27, 2020. Students that have traveled outside of Canada and not reported via email will not be permitted into the college until they have been vetted through the protocols.

Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program Students On-site/Practicum

- In-Person Classes suspended March 17 - 27.
- In-Person Classes will resume March 30.
- Online classes are being arranged with your theory instructors to begin this week. Please check your college email for instructions from your program director Lyne Roy lroy@cniH.ca
- Certain Practicum placements will continue or be suspended. In light of placements in areas of the country not affected by COVID-19, practicum will be assessed on a case by case basis in close contact with our partner sites. Concerns or questions should be directed to practicumcoordinator@cniH.ca

Please take all necessary precautions while away from the college, including;

- Stay home and self-monitor for symptoms of fever, cough and difficulty breathing for a total of 14 days.
- Ensure you can easily separate yourselves from others if they become ill.
- Call Ottawa Public Health at 613-580-6744 if you experience symptoms of the novel coronavirus.
- Avoid crowded public spaces and places where you cannot easily separate yourselves from others.

As this situation evolves, CNIH will keep you informed. The best advice for the moment is to be informed, practice common sense and preventative measures.

Sincerely,

James Keslassy, Campus President