



## MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Faculty, Sessional Instructors, Staff and Student Associations

**CC:** Communications

**From:** Senior Management

**Date:** March 17, 2020

**RE: UPDATE: (COVID-19) - 2**

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As Communications continues to provide the University with any and all updates, keep in mind it is only to inform every one of the current status of COVID-19. We have asked each campus to smudge the facility or building this week and offer a pipe ceremony to help us to remain positive and continue with our way of life. We encourage you, if you are able, to participate and offer your own prayers for our students, our Elders, our communities, our families, and for yourselves.

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Recent updates on the Saskatchewan Government Emerging Public Health Issues website, indicate the areas in Saskatchewan and the status of cases below, however, the updates over the past few days have increased.

New updates/releases include:

- Childcare settings and schools (K-12 closures effective March 20<sup>th</sup>);
- COVID-19 Prevention: Saskatchewan Activities;
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions;
- Latest Presumptive Case of COVID-19 Travel-Related.

The Saskatchewan public health risk associated to COVID-19 is low for the general population, but this could change quickly. Please continue to adhere to the social distancing and safe hygienic practices.

### **Status of COVID-19 Cases for Saskatchewan**

*Cumulative counts as of March 15, 2020*

Confirmed Positive Cases	2
Presumptive Positive Cases	5
Pending Results	16

## COVID-19 Laboratory Testing Summary for Saskatchewan

*Cumulative counts as of March 15, 2020*

Total Tests Performed<sup>1</sup> 796

<sup>1</sup> a person may have multiple tests performed

This table will be updated regularly with information on the status of COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan.

Confirming a case requires that the specimen be tested at the National Microbiology Laboratory (NML) in Winnipeg. A presumptive positive indicates that a specimen has tested positive at a provincial public health laboratory (in Saskatchewan, the Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory). Pending results indicates that the specimen is in the process of being tested.

Please note that majority of all cases (presumptive or confirmed) are all travel related (international, including US). The numbers for each province have significantly increased over the past week. Below is the current situation across Canada as of March 17, 2020.

## Current situation

Areas in Canada with cases of COVID-19 as of March 17, 2020, 10:30 am EST

Province, territory or other	Number of confirmed cases	Number of probable cases
British Columbia	103	0
Alberta	74	0
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Manitoba	7	0
Ontario	177	0
Quebec	50	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	1
New Brunswick	2	5
Nova Scotia	0	5
Prince Edward Island	1	0
Repatriated travellers	8	0
<b>Total cases</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>16</b>

Information on demographics, symptoms and outcomes is available for 158 cases.

Of these cases:

- onset of illness occurred between January 15 and March 15, 2020
- 51% of cases are female
- 31% of cases are 60 years old and over



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- 13% of cases have been hospitalized
- 4 people have died of COVID-19
- 74% of cases are travellers and 6% are close contacts of travellers

This illness summary is updated once a day based on information provided by provinces and territories. A detailed [epidemiologic curve](#) is also available.

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We will continue to update and share all information through email first and the website will have all recent communication available as well.

Communications is working on another STUDENT Update to be distributed by end of day March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Helpful Links:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

<https://www.uregina.ca/covid-19/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/specific-groups/high-risk-complications.html>

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