



**Student programming at Camosun College
From John Boraas, VP Education**

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As you know COVID-19 is impacting communities across the country and around the world. Your Deans and faculty are working hard to create plans for all Camosun College students to complete programming, in spite of the possibility of closures or interruptions of delivery. Given the broad range of programs – those classes with large shop components, practicums in community and health care facilities, internships in business and industry, delivery of services as part of community facing clinics, as well as direct classroom learning, please accept that the solutions will be diverse and often complex. I ask that you bear with us as we explore and identify the best pathway forward.

It is difficult to predict the degree of impact of the virus, but I want to assure the college's student community that we are following the directives of the regional health officials and the World Health Organization. At this point, risks are considered low, but as we respond to information available, decisions will be made that could include closing the college campuses for a period of time. Regardless of the health related decisions, we will be working with your faculty to ensure we help you to move toward your course or program completion goals. This could include a variety of options and approaches that are currently being developed, and as we receive health information, we will bring you information about how you can continue to work toward your completion goals.

Please know we are watching this situation very carefully and, as I hope you understand, our actions will depend on the information and the health realities that emerge.