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Public Statement of CUSA Operational Changes Re: COVID-19 Outbreak

The Carleton University Students' Association (CUSA) has been in continual communication with the University to determine the next steps in regards to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. As you may already know, Carleton University decided to cancel classes Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 and beginning on Wednesday, March 18, will move courses online for the remainder of the term.

That said, here are the next steps for us at CUSA:

- All CUSA events, advocacy campaigns, and programming on campus, regardless of size, will be cancelled until the end of the semester. We strongly encourage that all clubs and societies reschedule or cancel their off-campus club events and activities.
- All CUSA service centres are of great value to our students and provide comfort and security in times of need; therefore, our service centre staff will continue to offer peer support services online via email and social platforms. All service centre office spaces will be closed until further notice. If you have questions or concerns, or in need of peer support, please see <https://www.cusaonline.ca/services/servicecentres/> for individual service centre contact information.
- CUSA business operations will be changing as follows: The Wing and Ollie's will be closed as of Monday, March 16, until further notice. Rooster's Coffeehouse and Haven Books & Cafe will remain open but will operate on reduced staffing and hours. Please communicate with individual businesses to ensure they are open before stopping in.
- The CUSA main office will operate during regular hours at this time and will continue to provide core services such as free printing and health and dental plan support.
- The Clubs and Societies' physical office space will close as of Monday, March 16, until further notice. Staff will continue to provide support online through social media and email.

We recognize that the changes to our operational structure have a ripple effect on our student staff. That said, all CUSA part-time student staff will be working with their respective managers to reduce their stress around this financial impact and will continue to be paid as they would have been if we remained fully operational.



We encourage all students to continue to be diligent with the preventative measures as provided by Ottawa Public Health:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth unless you have just cleaned your hands.
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or into your arm, not your hand.
- If possible, stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid visiting people in hospitals or long-term care centres if you are sick
- It is still recommended to get your flu shot if you haven't already as the flu virus is still circulating in the community
 - Don't wait to fill essential prescriptions
 - Fill prescriptions for an extra month if you're able
 - Get refills with enough notice so that you do not run out of medication you may need
 - Purchase over-the-counter pain/fever medications
- Make plans for your children or other dependents in case you may be sick
- Stock up on supplies for your pets
- Stock up on cleaning supplies
- Ensure you have adequate sanitary/hygiene supplies
- Support each other

For additional information on COVID-19, please visit: ow.ly/S5XG30qpACQ. For any additional information about Carleton's plan, please visit <https://newsroom.carleton.ca/>. For any questions or concerns about CUSA's plan, please contact Travis Lindgren at travis.lindgren@cusaonline.ca.

We are hopeful that by remaining vigilant, acting with preventative measures and keeping a positive spirit, that we will get through this together.

#StayPositiveRavens