



Dear ISO N Community,

Here is today's update on the Ingram School of Nursing (ISO N)'s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students

The Ingram School of Nursing, as a professional program within the Faculty of Medicine, has been able to continue delivery of our winter courses, albeit remotely, since Wednesday. We have been able to identify methods for teaching and evaluating clinical courses, given that much of the required clinical hours were completed earlier in the term. With regards to Summer courses (currently scheduled for May and June), we do not yet know if and when they may take place. The Deputy Provost, in his message yesterday evening, stated that no in-person courses can take place, therefore no ISO N in-person non-clinical courses will be offered. Decisions regarding clinical courses are more complex in that the School, as a health professional program, is also required to respond to the directives of the Ministry of Health and must take into consideration the ability of our clinical partners to accommodate students. Given the current uncertainty, ***the PRT recommends that students return home, keeping in mind that they could be requested to return to Montreal for their Summer clinical courses.*** I know you all would have wanted to see a more definitive answer but the nature of this pandemic simply is not allowing us to offer you one.

Support Services

Should any ***student*** need support, please consult any of the resources below.

- Tracom (24/7). Qualified crisis intervention workers are available to take your call if you have feelings of confusion, anxiety, distress, and suicidal ideas. Tel.: 514-483-3033
- Drug and alcohol help (24/7). Speak with a trained counsellor for support. Toll-free in Quebec: 1-800-265-2626. Tel: 514-527-2626
- Suicide Action Montreal (24/7). They offer support services, crisis workers, and monitor for people who are at risk of suicide. Toll-free in Quebec: (1-866-APPELLE) 1-866-277-3553. Tel.: 514-723-4000

During this very challenging time, The WELL Office will remain open, however working remotely until March 30. The ISO N Wellness Consultants will be holding virtual counselling appointments which can be booked online: www.mcgill.ca/thewelloffice/our-services/spot-scsd-ison/wellness-support/counselling-appointments.

Should any ***staff or faculty*** need support, please consult the McGill website, the Health Canada website, and the Employee assistance program is available 24/7.

Health is a Priority

The Quebec government asked that all individuals continue to practice social distancing, work remotely, and stay up-to-date with the measures taken to contain the spread. Regular updates from the Quebec government on COVID-19 can be found at: www.quebec.ca/en/health/health-issues/a-z/2019-coronavirus/#c46904

If you are symptomatic, the number to call is 1-877-644-4545

Should you have any queries, all questions can be directed to: directoradmin.nursing@mcgill.ca

On behalf of the ISO N Pandemic Response Team,

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