



Thursday, March 26, 2020 | 7:00PM

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

### *Clinical placements – UPDATE*

New information from the Ministry of Health has been sent to our hospital partners with regards to clinical placements. The School is currently reviewing this information and in discussions on how it may impact our students. Once more clarifying details are available, the PRT will be in a position to communicate updates to our students and faculty.

### *Changing courses from grades to unsatisfactory or satisfactory*

Since receiving the *ISO N PRT - March 24<sup>th</sup> Update*, several students have reached out to describe the extent to which they feel the S/U grading option is imperative due to work and childcare constraints, as well as general anxiety given this unprecedented climate. In light of this feedback from a number of students, the PRT is in the process of revisiting the previously stated guidelines surrounding the S/U grading options. Guidelines as to how requests for the S/U grading option will be considered within ISO N, as well as a list of considerations students should reflect upon before requesting the S/U option, will be made available in the coming days.

For more information on the S/U grading option, please review the University [adjusted academic measures](#) resource page. Please note that the University's S/U request form is not yet accessible.

### *Faculty of Medicine – Faculty Council meeting*

All students and faculty within the Faculty of Medicine are invited to join the Faculty Council remotely on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-6:30. The link will be provided by Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### *Pearson eBooks*

Currently Pearson Canada have all eTexts available for free via Vital Source, Texidium and Red Shelf. Information, instructions and the link for students can be found [here](#). They are also offering free access to courseware for instructors so that they can make the full resources (eText included) available to their students.

### *Winter 2020 course delivery*

A reminder that all course content will continue to be delivered virtually and asynchronously until the end of the Winter 2020 term. Students are expected to ensure their availabilities through to April 30<sup>th</sup> so that all material and assessments can be completed.

### *Healthcare Worker Support Initiative*

A *Healthcare Worker Support* initiative has been implemented in light of the hard work by those at the frontlines of COVID-19. This initiative grants the opportunity for students in McGill University healthcare programs to volunteer and offer support in child care, pet care, and grocery, pharmacy, and general errands. For more information on how to show solidarity with the healthcare community, please consult the following [form](#).



## *Volunteer opportunity with CODIM*

The Director of Nursing (Mme. Lucie Tremblay) for the CIUSSS Centre-Ouest de l'île de Montréal (CODIM) has requested volunteers from among ISON students to participate in a **COVID-19 Testing Drive-Thru Initiative**. The CIUSSS CODIM has the mandate to put in place a drive-thru that would test 500 people per day for COVID 19. This drive-thru would be set up in the parking lot of Cavendish Mall beginning as early as March 25<sup>th</sup> and would be open from 08h00-20h00, seven days per week. It would be staffed by 6 clerical staff and 4 nurses using the following process:

1. Patients email their completed form to a unit agent, who gives them an appointment at the drive-thru for testing.
2. Once arrived at the drive-thru in their car, the patient would be “interviewed” by the clerical staff to validate their identity and coordinates.
3. Following this validation, the patient would see the nurse who would do the nasal swab. This nurse is wearing PPE. She places the specimen in a bag.
4. A second nurse (clean) would then accept this specimen into a clean bag (double bagging procedure) and is sent to the lab for testing.
5. Students would be assisting the nurse on the “clean” side. The support could include re-stocking, or other needs that do not include direct involvement with patients.

Any ISON student interested in volunteering their time to this initiative should contact Nadia Susel: [nsusel@jgh.mcgill.ca](mailto:nsusel@jgh.mcgill.ca) to make their interest known and discuss their availability.

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### *TechCom Drop-in Hours*



A reminder that the TechCom drop-in hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 14-16h. The Zoom link is: <https://mcgill.zoom.us/j/891822277>. For more resources, please visit the ISO N TechCom Micro [site](#).

*ISO N Faculty and Staff Social Zoom - 8-10pm (daily)*

A reminder that the ISO N Faculty and Staff Social Zoom meeting takes place every evening from 8pm-10pm. Please join for an opportunity to connect and “hangout” with your colleagues remotely: <https://zoom.us/j/970525371> (Meeting ID: 970 525 371).

*ISO N COVID-19 Q&A Zoom Meeting*

All ISO N Faculty & Staff are invited to a COVID 19 Q&A [Zoom Meeting](#) tomorrow at 9am to 10am. This is the opportunity to discuss updates, questions and concerns around the routine change in our School.

## 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:directoradmin.nursing@mcgill.ca)

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*On behalf of the ISO N Pandemic Response Team*