

December 22, 2020

To the Brescia community,

You are already likely aware of the announcement made yesterday by the Ontario government and the decision to move Ontario into [a Provincewide Shutdown](#). This shutdown will take effect on Saturday, December 26th, 2020, and for Southern Ontario, last for a minimum of 28 days.

As a member of our community, you are likely aware that Brescia is *currently closed for the holiday break*. The following updates will apply to the Brescia community for January, 2021:

- **Effective January 11, 2021, all in-person Brescia courses will be moved to a virtual format and move to online delivery, for the duration of the Provincial Shutdown.** This includes all Foods and Nutrition labs.
- Brescia's timetable will be updated during the week of Jan 4th to indicate if Brescia classes will be asynchronous or synchronous as we move online.
- Brescia MScFN and DDEPT student practicum placements will continue.
- The Registrar's Office continues to work with individual students who require accommodation or have questions. If you are a student with concerns please don't hesitate to contact the [Hive](#).
- The Hive will reopen virtually after the holiday break on January 4th, 2021 with a full range of online services (email, phone and live chat).
- Clare Hall will reopen as planned on **Saturday, January 2nd, 2021** for students living in residence.
- Brescia's Mercato will remain open for residence students, with the seated dining area closed. The Mercato will remain closed to the public.
- The Beryl Ivey Library will remain closed for in-person visits and offer virtual services for the duration of the Provincial Shutdown. For more information about library services, please visit the library's [COVID-19: Changes to Library Services webpage](#).
- Brescia's Chapel will close for in-person masses as of December 26th. Please visit the [Campus Ministry website](#) for details on virtual services.

Brescia operations will reopen virtually, as planned on January 4th, 2021. All virtual student-facing services (ex. academic advising appointments, career appointments etc.) will continue the week of January 4th as scheduled.

At this time, we are prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of our community and I understand it may cause questions. We appreciate your continued flexibility as we adapt to keep our campus community the safest place possible. I know this is hard, and that everyone is feeling uncertain of the future. I believe that we are stronger together—and that these



sacrifices are necessary and important for a brighter, safer 2021. Right now, I encourage everyone to follow the directives of public health authorities to keep you, and everyone closest to you, safe over the holidays.

We will update our community as necessary over the break, should information change. I wish you a quiet and peaceful Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Sincerely,
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