



March 13, 2020

4:00 p.m.

During this challenging time, we appreciate your positivity and cooperation as we try, first and foremost, to ensure the safety and well-being of our campus community. At Brescia, we continue to respect and follow the advice of our local health authority. We are acting on all information available to best protect our community and ensure the health and safety of everyone who studies, works or visits our campus. Equally important is our commitment to keeping all students on track to complete their course work for this academic year.

I am writing today to share key decisions made for Brescia's campus but also in consultation with Western and the other affiliated university colleges, through the end of the term. Our main priority is to support our community. We are quickly responding to concerns as they come forward and will continue to work with our students, faculty and staff to address any of these concerns.

I want to reassure you that Brescia operations remain open and campus services continue to run as usual. Residence remains open; this is our students' home and our staff are working around the clock to keep our living space exceptionally clean. Parents, we know you have concerns, please know we are working hard to put the care of your student as our first priority. All non-compulsory/discretionary events held on campus up until April 30th will be cancelled or postponed. On campus events that anticipate less than fifty attendees will be up to the individual event organizer to confirm.

We recognize there are many questions that staff, faculty, students and families will have as a result of the recent announcement. We will continue to share this information and will update you as we learn more.

As a reminder, the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU) has indicated the health risk to our community and local area remains low. At Brescia, we are making thoughtful decisions to ensure the continued health and wellness of our community and ensure we maintain the safest and healthiest environment to work and study.

For additional information related to COVID-19 on campus, please visit Western's website: www.uwo.ca/coronavirus and tips for keeping healthy: www.healthunit.com. Brescia has also created a web page with additional resources relevant to the Brescia community.



I appreciate your continued efforts in supporting Brescia's community as we navigate uncertain times. I am always impressed with the way Brescia responds to challenging situations like this, with compassion, kindness and care which is in line with our Ursuline values.

Sincerely,

Susan Mumm, D. Phil, FRHistS