

To Dalhousie Student Union Members and Surrounding Community,

As we're sure you've seen, Dalhousie and King's Universities have released statements outlining the preventative measures that they are taking to manage and deter the spread of COVID-19. Given that in-person classes and events have been suspended until June 1st at a minimum, we are taking measures around our own operations to ensure the safety and health of our students and staff.

Following the lead of Dalhousie University, and Provincial recommendations, these measures include...

- Cancelling all events and meeting room bookings in the SUB until June 1st. Council meetings, if retaining an in-person portion, will adhere to recommendations of social distancing and provide options for Councillors to teleconference in.
- Allowing staff the opportunity to work from home as-necessary. This is currently done on a case-by-case basis, which may change as updates roll out on best practices and as we prepare internally.
- Sharing resources specific to Halifax, and to students, about COVID-19, community care, mental health support during social distancing, and other relevant areas.
- Contacting all societies and encouraging them to cancel or postpone events booked externally.
- Reducing hours of services:
 - The Grawood will be operating on summer hours (11:30am-3:00pm) and The T-Room will be closed until further notice.
 - Food Services in the SUB are restricted. Tim Hortons remains open on summer hours (7:30am-3:00pm) and all other businesses are closed until further notice.
 - The DSU Food Bank will be operating on reduced hours, and will be implementing practices to limit physical visitor interaction with the space.
 - The DSU Market will be closed for the remainder of the term. Food Box orders made for this week (March 16th-20th) will be fulfilled.

The Student Union Building remains open for normal operating hours until further notice. Due to the short notice of these closures, and rapidly updating situation, we are still working internally to plan what our operations, staff support, and



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compensation for those unable to continue working for the term could look like.

The Executive will be available over email (<http://dsu.ca/about-us/contact-us/executive>) to assist students in managing the impacts of these changes. We will be continuing to manage regular operations and communications channels to the best of our ability and we are communicating closely with the University to pass along questions and concerns of students, receive updates on Dalhousie operations, and continue to advocate for a student-centric approach in this situation.

More information will be available at dsu.ca/covid-19. As well, this page will soon release a collaborative resource document that is in the process of being developed by the DSU Equity & Accessibility Office, Dalhousie students, and the DSU Communications Team.

Sincerely,

The Dalhousie Student Union Executive