

Trent University and Fleming College cancel classes due to coronavirus

All classes at Trent University and Fleming College campuses are being cancelled in response to the outbreak of novel coronavirus.

On Friday, March 15, Trent [sent out a message to students](#) informing them classes would be offered “online or through alternative means of delivery beginning Wednesday, March 18... until further notice.”

Fleming [also posted a message](#) informing students classes would be suspended starting Friday and online courses would be offered for the rest of the winter semester.

Trent noted cancellations also include “sporting and athletic events, open houses, public meetings — including conferences, visiting lectures, receptions, end of year celebrations, donor and alumni events; and other events which are not part of our core activities.”

As well all trips outside Canada are cancelled too.

Exams are still scheduled. Trent says details on that will be given to students “when that information is fully available.”

Fleming says any assignments or exams scheduled between now and March 18 are being rescheduled.

"Employees are expected to come to work as usual and talk with their manager about any issues related to the measures we are taking," says Fleming.

Campuses will remain open, but additional measures are being enacted to ensure student and staff safety.

“We ask for your patience and understanding as we deal with these evolving circumstances,” says the Trent statement. “We all look forward to the day when the issues with COVID-19 abate. In the meantime, we will do our utmost to ensure the health and safety of our community.”

"While we recognize that these actions will create uncertainty and inconveniences, we will do our best to answer any questions you have as soon as possible," adds the Fleming message.

This comes the day after [the province extended the March break by two weeks](#), until April 5, to protect students and the public from the virus.