

SIIT suspends programs from March 16th-18th province wide

Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technologies (SIIT) is committed to ensuring the safety of all of our staff, students and community partners at all of our locations in Saskatchewan. In order to develop a sustainable plan of action, we will be taking a staged approach to ensure the best possible outcomes.

SIIT is taking the following actions from March 16th to 18th inclusive:

Campus, Trade Centre, and Community Deliveries:

We are suspending all programming at all of our locations from Monday March 16th through Wednesday March 18th.

Suspending programs for these three days will allow time for instructors and academic support staff to prepare for possible alternatives to course delivery, determine how to proceed with practicums, and determine options for final exams. Although we are preparing for these scenarios, there is no guarantee that we will need to implement them.

During this time, staff and faculty members should continue to report to work as usual. Please contact your supervisor if there are circumstances that prevent you from coming to work. SIIT will manage these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Career Centre Services:

SIIT's nine Career Centres in Regina, Yorkton, Saskatoon, North Battleford, Meadow Lake, Lloydminster, Prince Albert, La Ronge, and Creighton will be closed to the general public from March 16th to 18th. Staff will continue to work from these sites to provide consultations and intake services to job seekers and employers over the phone and by Skype meetings.

Cancellation of Non-Essential Events:

As previously communicated staff, faculty, and student groups are asked to continue to cancel or postpone all non-essential events hosted at campuses, trade centres, community learning sites, and Career Centres.

Cancellation of Work-Related Travel:

Work related travel is suspended from March 16th to 18th. Please speak with your instructor or supervisor if you have any questions regarding travel for work or school purposes. Travel requires approval through your supervisor and Vice Presidents' office.

Social Distancing and Prevention Protocols:

SIIT recommends the following safety measures as outlined on www.saskatchewan.ca:

“As a respiratory illness, the best method to protect yourself against coronavirus is to practice everyday preventive actions, including:

- Practice proper cough and sneezing etiquette (into the bend of your elbow);
- Wash your hands often with soap and water; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer;

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Maintain safe food practices; and
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.”

Sickness/Possible Exposure to COVID-19:

If you are sick, please stay home, monitor your symptoms, and take care of your personal health.

For individuals who have travelled internationally recently, there are specific guidelines as set out by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. The COVID-19 risk is being described as low for those living in Saskatchewan. Please visit www.saskatchewan.ca for the most up-to-date information.

Further Updates:

In partnership with the FSIN, the Saskatchewan Health Authority, the Government of Saskatchewan, and other post-secondary institutions, SIIT will be working to mitigate risk and determine next steps.

Please continue to check your email and SIIT’s Facebook page for further updates on SIIT’s plans for future site closures, and/or event cancellations.

If you have any further questions, please contact your instructor or supervisor by phone or email, or call 1-877-282-5622 during regular business hours (Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) and we can connect you to them.

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