



Dear students,

I'd like to start by again recognizing your incredible commitment to your studies this term.

By now, we're all keenly aware of the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic continues to present. As students, individuals and classmates, you have demonstrated remarkable resilience and adaptability throughout these uncertain times — you should be very proud. These are skills that will serve you well in your careers.

Your safety, and the safety of our entire SAIT community, remains our top priority. We continue to work in alignment with direction from the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services to ensure all health and safety guidelines are followed on campus.

For those of you with in-person classes this term, thank you for following our on-campus health and safety protocols. If you're continuing on or starting any new in-person classes in [Winter 2021](#), remember, your actions have impact — [keep classes on and COVID away from campus](#).

Over the upcoming winter break, please keep in mind what you do off campus also affects life on campus. Continue to follow safety protocols. Stay up-to-date with current public health measures, including [mandatory restrictions in place through Jan. 12](#).

The SAIT campus is closed Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 pm to Monday, Jan. 11 at 7 am — no classes, no in-person services, no access to buildings. Any exceptions will be only to accommodate essential services and initiatives such as exams, textbook pick-up and specific classes already approved to be on-campus to support program completion.

SAIT is closed for the regular holiday season break at end of day Thursday, Dec. 24 through to Monday, Jan. 4.

Looking forward to a new semester and a new year, I want to take this opportunity to wish you the best of luck on your end-of-term assignments and exams.

Again, please remember, whether you're studying online or in person you're part of our SAIT community. This is a stressful time. In fact, it can be a stressful time of year regardless of COVID-19. [There are supports and resources to help](#) — please don't hesitate to reach out.

See you in 2021.

Stay safe. Stay well.

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Learn more about [SAIT's ongoing response to COVID-19](#)

