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Dear Students:

Working with the Government of Alberta and Alberta Health Services, we have made the decision to deliver the majority of Fall 2020 programming online. The health and safety of our SAIT community remains our top priority, and the decision was made in consideration of provincial health restrictions and guidelines.

In early March, we turned on a dime. We brought our programming online, pivoted to find solutions for distance learning and came together to make the best of an unprecedented situation. We have been delivering our spring courses remotely and learning from our experiences. Although the world has changed, our commitment to your learning has not. The way we deliver programming might look different this fall but rest assured — student success is the drive of our institution.

I want all new students to know we are working hard to ensure your classes are a great experience and you have everything you need to succeed. To our continuing students, I know this will be different, but we will maintain high-quality instruction that prepares you to hit the ground running in industry.

We are currently looking at safe physical distancing solutions for any on-campus labs and hands-on courses, and we will consider the safest and most effective delivery for each program. We continue to work closely with Apprenticeship and Industry Training (AIT) to determine how to continue this very hands-on training. This will involve a combination of online and in-person training. Apprentices will hear more from AIT and SAIT as details become available.

We are committed to leveraging and utilizing technology as much as possible to ensure your online and, if applicable, on-campus experience is safe and robust. Program-specific details are being finalized and will be communicated to you through your academic chairs soon.

We have a series of FAQs on sait.ca/covid19 and we'll add to them regularly. Please visit often for updates in between the emails we send. I appreciate your patience as we move forward and as the COVID-19 situation evolves.

You are important to SAIT — you are the reason we do what we do — and we're here for you, especially during these uncertain times. We'll continue to commit ourselves to world-class instruction so when you graduate, you're job ready.

SAIT has been here for 104 years and has weathered storms by leaning into community. We may not all be together right now but we're united in our commitment to leading change and helping you reach your goals.

I hope you are healthy and well.

Sincerely,

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