



COVID-19: Ryerson's Activities

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Ryerson University's Goals

1. Limit potential spread of COVID-19 by protecting our staff, faculty, students and their families
2. Ensure our students can successfully complete their year and that essential SRC activity continues
3. Work with our partners and governments to find solutions and ideas to assist with impacts arising from COVID-19



Guiding Values

- Unapologetically Bold
- Intentionally Diverse & Inclusive
- Dedicated to Excellence
- Respectfully Collaborative
- Champions of Sustainability



Charting the Path Forward

Scenario Planning Working Group

Providing critical advice on how best to deal with the current uncertain environment and advance the university's strategic goals

- Glenn Craney, Deputy Provost & Vice-Provost, University Planning (Chair)
- Michael Forbes, Chief of Staff, Office of the President
- Steven Liss, VP, Research and Innovation
- Glenda Mallon, AVP, Facilities Management & Development
- Jen McMillen, Vice-Provost, Students
- Ian Mishkel, VP, University Advancement and Alumni Relations
- Anver Saloojee, AVP, Ryerson International

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Opportunities Working Group

Working across Ryerson to identify opportunities and key partnerships to advance the university, and creating strategies to support new opportunities

- Mohamed Lachemi, Chair
- Glenn Craney, Deputy Provost & Vice-Provost, University Planning
- Louise Cowin, Executive Director, Athletics and Recreation
- Charles Falzon, Dean, FCAD
- Michael Forbes, Chief of Staff, President's Office
- Jennifer Grass, AVP, University Relations
- Gary Hepburn, Dean, The Chang School
- Brian Lesser, Chief Information Officer
- Joanne McKee, Chief Financial Officer
- Jenny O'Donnell, Chief Human Resources Officer
- Denise O'Neil Green, VP, Equity and Community Inclusion
- Carol Shepstone, Chief Librarian

Supporting Students and Faculty

- Spring/Summer courses online
 - 183% increase in online course enrollment compared to last year
- Ryerson Student Relief Fund
 - 4000 applications within 4 days of the portal opening (\$3M)
- TRSM's Business Career Hub transitioned to online Bootcamps, with over 1000 participants
- RI assisted the return of nearly 200 faculty and students on international trips, exchanges or placements

Community Engagement



Virtual Town Halls

- Staff Town Hall: May 1
- Faculty Town Hall: May 7
- Student Town Hall: TBD

Virtual Lunch and Learn Sessions

HR Online Workshops

- Managing your Team Remotely
- Difficult Conversations in a Remote Environment
- Your Lead-from-Home Toolkit
- Providing Feedback Conversations Virtually
- Radical Compassion

Supporting SRC Activity

Lab2Market-Health

- New national program led by Ryerson and Dalhousie to accelerate health innovation
- Support graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers with the tools and expertise needed to bring health solutions to market faster, including vaccines, therapeutics, devices, virtual care and diagnostic tools
- 25 hours per week for seven weeks; accessed virtually



SRC and Innovation

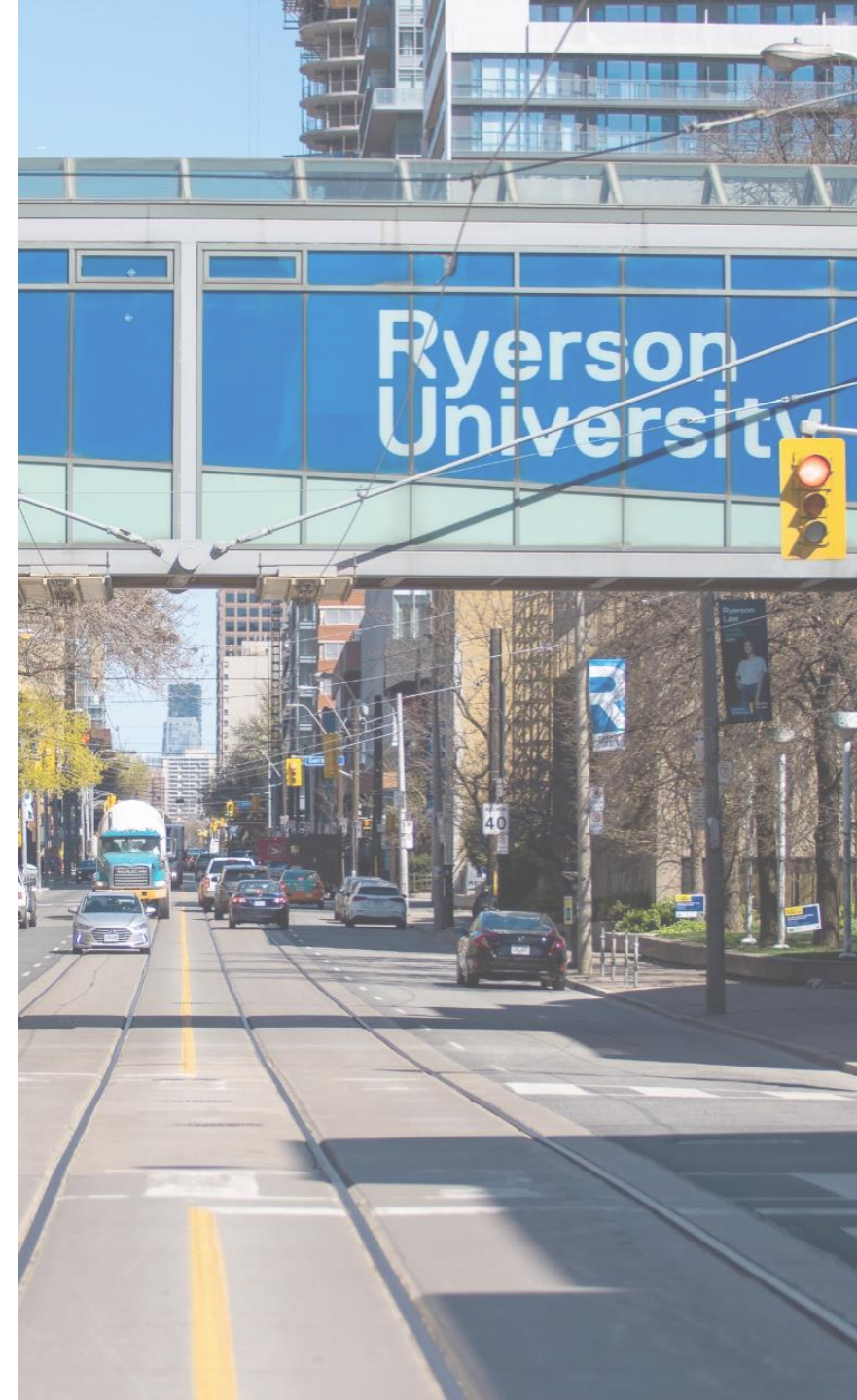
- **University researchers** have submitted more than 50 applications through programs such as the Ontario Together portal, Rapid Funding calls and the Roche Canada COVID-19 Innovation Challenge
- **National Institute on Ageing** has submitted a proposal for three integrated projects related to the nursing and retirement home sector and virus transmission and mitigation
- **Biomedical Zone** is working with NEXT Canada on a call to entrepreneurs to collaborate on solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic
- **DMZ** launched #HackTheCurve: national tech challenge calling on Canadian innovators to develop innovative technology to help flatten the pandemic's curve

Working with Government

Ryerson proposal of how we can contribute to economic recovery focuses on leveraging the expertise and track record of various centres to provide:

- training for displaced workers
- support services for small business
- policy suggestions for long term economic stability and sustainability

Actively participating in Working Groups and Taskforces with government and business to share ideas and explore approaches to pandemic mitigation and economic recovery



Supporting Healthcare Workers

- **The Creative Technology Lab at FCAD** has secured supplies needed to continue producing face masks, head pieces and plastic shields (from the Minister of Economic Development)
- **The School of Fashion** is sewing 4,000 masks to be delivered to Toronto Hospitals
- **Department of Chemistry and Biology** labs have donated 79,000 medical gloves, goggles and gowns to Michael's Hospital, Sunnybrook Hospital and Women's College Hospital
- **Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing** gathered thousands of N95 masks, gowns, gloves, hand sanitizer, wipes and more and delivered to St Mike's Hospital and Scarborough Health Network- Rouge Valley

Next Steps

1. Actively monitoring a rapidly changing environment
2. Continuing to look for opportunities with partners, communities and government
3. Developing initial plans/ scenarios for a potential return to work



Questions?