To the UTM community

I am writing to let you know how U of T Mississauga is responding to new measures recently announced by the provincial government to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Under the new measures, Toronto and Peel Regions are both in the Grey Zone (lockdown) level under the province's COVID-19 framework, effective Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 for a minimum of 28 days.

With the majority of activities at UTM already taking place remotely, these changes will have very limited impact on current campus operations.

At UTM, the following will take effect starting Monday, Nov. 23:

- in-person classes already scheduled will continue to be held in person;
- library service will continue with pick-up services and access to IT services for those who need it;
- existing monitored study spaces will remain open;
- residences will remain open, with residents adhering to safety precautions;
- on-campus food services will remain as take-out only;
- research will continue but researchers should limit on-campus activity to that which is absolutely necessary;
- no indoor organized public events or social gatherings will be permitted except with members of the same household; and
- outdoor organized public events or social gatherings limited to a maximum of 10 people.

In an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, members of our community are strongly encouraged to stay home, except for essential travel, and limit their contacts. Please continue to observe safe physical distancing and wear a mask.

As the situation evolves, other changes may be required to ensure the continued safety of our campus community. UTM will continue to work with and follow the direction of local public health authorities.

This has been an exceptionally difficult year and the recent surge in COVID-19 cases is an unwelcome step backward. I am deeply grateful to each of you for your commitment to your work and studies at such a stressful time. With continued resilience and with compassion for one another, we will pull through this together.

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