

To our partners in cancer research,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. COVID-19 continues to impact millions of people across Ontario and around the globe and I realize that this crisis has created unprecedented challenges for the cancer research and clinical communities, as well as for cancer patients. I know that your researchers may be encountering difficulties with conducting their planned research activities.

I want to assure you that OICR's leadership understands these challenges and their impact. Although, like many organizations, we have closed down our offices and laboratories for regular business, we remain committed to continue working with our collaborators and stakeholders to the fullest extent possible. We're taking measures to maintain research projects remotely and plan to restore our on-site activities gradually, when safe to do so.

We are committed to continuing our financial support for your OICR-funded programs. Further, to support the research community during these difficult times, we have extended all reporting deadlines and granted no-cost extensions for some OICR-funded research projects. Further details about these extensions can be found [on our website](#).

As we adapt to the current situation, we also recognize the long-term impacts of this pandemic on research programs, researchers and on cancer patients. We acknowledge the possibility that some research objectives may not be met, but we're committed to supporting the community through this continued period of disruption. At OICR, our priority is, and always will be, advancing cancer research in Ontario. We are working with our funder, the Government of Ontario's Ministry of Colleges and Universities (MCU), to identify any needed longer-term strategies to support your currently funded ongoing programs that may need supplemental funding into the next fiscal year to complete milestones and deliverables, as well as to support the positions of critical staff. As we engage MCU on these and other matters, we will have more updates for you in terms of what is possible and what is not. We are committed to supporting cancer research and working together with you now and for years to come.

We thank you for your ongoing collaboration and for your perseverance and understanding during this difficult time. We look forward to continuing our collaborative research and working together in the fight against cancer.

Stay safe,



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on behalf of OICR Executive