



## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Saskatchewan Polytechnic Update

**November 2, 2020** – Saskatchewan Polytechnic continues to work with external experts and law enforcement to determine the extent of the security incident and to safely restore systems.

“We are making excellent progress on safely restoring operating platforms and online services. I want to thank our in-house IT security system and all employees who worked tirelessly over the weekend with outside experts and third party suppliers to minimize the impact of the cybersecurity incident,” Dr. Larry Rosia, president and CEO said. “Saskatchewan Polytechnic wants to assure students, their families, employees and our industry partners, we will keep you informed. Our first priority is to restore the online learning environment for students.”

Since the incident occurred, the following Sask Polytech systems (operating platforms and services) have been restored, including:

- Outlook email & calendar
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Zoom
- Kaltura

We will post all necessary instructions for students and faculty on [campusupdate.ca](https://campusupdate.ca) as services become available.

Sask Polytech has begun the remediation process. Today, employees have been instructed to install an adaptive, next-generation antivirus and endpoint detection and response software. There is no reason to believe any personal information has been compromised at this point.

Sask Polytech is among other learning institutions that have experienced vulnerability amid the COVID-19 pandemic, as thousands of hours are spent in online classrooms and virtual environments.

We remain committed to timely and transparent communication with students, employees and stakeholders. Additional information is being shared at [campus update](https://campusupdate.ca). This is the best source of information on the current status.

No media interviews will be provided today. Media will be regularly updated.

Saskatchewan Polytechnic serves students through applied learning opportunities at campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and extensive distance education opportunities. Programs serve every economic and public service sector. As a polytechnic, the organization provides the depth of learning appropriate to employer and student needs, including certificate, diploma and degree programs, and apprenticeship training. Saskatchewan Polytechnic engages in applied research, drawing on faculty expertise to support innovation by employers, and providing students with the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills.

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