



Will the COVID-19 pandemic affect the supply of goods and services to the University?

The following suppliers have reported supply interruptions and product shortages as a result of COVID-19. In many cases, these supplies are being prioritized to health care providers.

Supplier	Expected Interruptions and Product Shortages
Life Technologies/ Thermo Fisher Scientific	PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) and throat/nasal swabs
Qiagen	Unprecedented global demand for kits for viral nucleic acid isolation (QIAamp Viral RNA Mini kits, cat #s 52904 and 52906) and the EZ1 Virus Kit (cat # 955134).
Bio-Rad	qPCR instruments (CFX96), used for COVID-19 testing
VWR International	Items that are directly related to COVID-19 (N-95 Mask, and other Personal Protection Equipment) are being prioritized to critical need areas
Swish Maintenance	PPE products such as gloves, masks; delay in order of sanitizer
Staples Advantage	Back ordered on medical safety supplies, such as disinfectant wipes, Purell sanitizer, respiratory masks
One Diversified Audio Visual Canada	General delays in Smart Technology Products (Smartboards S and R models)
CDW Canada	High demand on laptop products
Compugen	Longer lead time for laptops due to high demand
Dell Canada	Intel delay is impacting inventories
Delta Guelph Hotel and Conference Centre	Open for catered events, meetings, and accommodations. Restaurant remains closed. Breakfast, lunch and snack items are available for purchase through Front Desk 'Good to Go' Market.
Red Car Services	Shared Ride Airport Service has been suspended. Only private service to any airport or other destination is available.

In addition, some suppliers expressed concerns over the border shutdown between the United States and Canada as this could affect their supply chain. As the situation evolves, we will provide further updates in this area.



Other than the noted exceptions above, many of our Supply Managed Contract (SMC) suppliers have indicated no anticipated negative impacts on their supply chains and inventories.

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