COVID-19 Survey Results

Impact of COVID-19 on international education in Canada

Online survey: March 4 to March 13, 2020
Target: All education institutions in Canada
Responses: 121 unique institutions

What province are you located in?

- Ontario: 29.0%
- Quebec: 16.9%
- Saskatchewan: 2.4%
- Alberta: 14.5%
- British Columbia: 23.4%
- Manitoba: 4.8%
- New Brunswick: 1.6%
- Newfoundland and Labrador: 1.6%
- Nova Scotia: 5.6%
- Other: 5.7%

What kind of institution are you representing?

- University: 50.4%
- College: 25.2%
- Cégep: 6.5%
- K-12: 6.5%
- Polytechnic: 4.9%
- School board: 0.8%
- Other: 5.7%

Does your institution have a pandemic plan or other similar emergency preparedness plans in place?

By Type of Institution:
- University: 43.4%
- College: 7.4%
- Cégep: 4.1%
- K-12: 45.1%
- Other: 4.1%

By Province:
- Ontario: 34.3%
- Quebec: 15.3%
- British Columbia: 23.4%
- Alberta: 14.5%
- Saskatchewan: 2.4%
- Manitoba: 4.8%
- New Brunswick: 1.6%
- Newfoundland and Labrador: 1.6%
- Nova Scotia: 5.6%
- Other: 5.7%

Almost 90% of institutions who responded are either developing a plan or implementing one.

How has your institution responded to the current outbreak?

- My institution has implemented no response plans and does not plan to: 4.1%
- My institution is currently implementing a response plan: 43.4%
- My institution is in the process of developing a response plan: 7.4%
- I am unsure: 45.1%
Communications is the key way by which institutions will work to manage and mitigate fears. As institutions go online and social distance is the new normal, increased and regular communications will become increasingly important.