



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER UNIVERSITY

To the campus community,

Whilst we are collectively navigating the impact of the pandemic on our own province and country, it has become clear that India's attempts to battle COVID-19 have led to a catastrophic health crisis with over 400,000 new cases and 3,000 deaths reported each day. On behalf of StFX, we express our deepest concern and care for those who are being affected, including many members of our own StFX community.

StFX has enjoyed a long relationship with the people of India, including through our work at the Coady Institute, with our Indian students enrolled in both in-person and online degree programs, and with our faculty and staff members originally from India who maintain strong ties and family connections with those in the country.

This Saturday we will be raising India's flag in Alumni Plaza to fly for the next two weeks as a symbol that our thoughts and prayers are with them in this time of crisis. I'd also like to remind the campus community that we have supports in place for those who may need them.

StFX students wishing to access counselling supports are asked to please contact Ivan Drouin directly at idrouin@stfx.ca as the StFX Health & Counselling Centre is closed for the summer.

Other student supports include:

Mental Health Crisis Line

1-888-429-8167

Crisis Text Line – text GOOD2TALKNS to 686868

GOOD TO TALK – to talk to someone call 1-833-292-3698

Faculty and staff who would like to speak to someone, are encouraged to access the Employee and Family Assistance Program (EFAP):

- By phone: [1-800-387-4765](tel:1-800-387-4765)
- By website: workhealthlife.com
- Download the MyEAP app in your app store

This is a global crisis and I hope that you will join me in supporting members of our community who are greatly affected by this pandemic.

Please continue to take great care of yourself, and one another.

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