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Re: Update on Highball and COVID-19

At the Victoria University Students' Administrative Council (VUSAC), our number one priority is the health and safety of the students on our campus. On March 11th, the World Health Organization determined that Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has reached the level of a global pandemic. Following that announcement, all non-essential events and in-person undergraduate and research-stream masters and doctoral courses across U of T's three campuses are cancelled as of March 16th.

In light of this news, it is with a heavy heart that we have decided to cancel all in-person VUSAC events for the remainder of the 2019-2020 Academic Year, including Highball. As a result, **all students who have already purchased their Highball tickets will receive a full reimbursement**. We are currently in the process of determining the means in which we will be returning the payment to each student, and we are exploring ways to make this procedure virtual to ensure student safety. While it is unfortunate that we have had to cancel events that students have worked hard on, it is important that we do not put our students at risk. We greatly appreciate your patience at this time and we will keep you updated as soon as we know more information.

We are currently evaluating and exploring alternative options for all our services, initiatives, and events wherever possible that are conducive to the wellbeing of our students. For instance, the VUSAC Meetings on Friday, March 20th and Friday, April 3rd will now be taking place entirely online. Additionally, the VUSAC office will be closed starting Monday, March 16th until further notice. If you are in desperate need of our services in the meantime, please reach out to Alexa Ballis at president@vusac.ca. We will be notifying all students as changes are made.

During this time, VUSAC encourages you to take the necessary precautions to ensure your physical and mental wellbeing. Health authorities recommend hygiene (especially frequent hand-washing) and social distancing (the practice that will reduce the number of persons who come in contact with each other) as important risk mitigation strategies.

For updates on COVID-19 and for more information, please visit <https://www.vicu.utoronto.ca/about-victoria/covid-19-updates/>.

Yours in service,

The Victoria University Students' Administrative Council 2019-2020 Executive