



QUEEN'S COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF GUYANA (TORONTO CHAPTER)

COVID Message from President of QCAA Toronto

It has been over 3 months since the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and I want to reach out to the Queen's College Alumni community in Canada to share some thoughts and encouragement.

First and foremost, I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and healthy and that you are adapting to the pandemic-related challenges. We are living in a scary and uncertain time, and it seems we have no choice but to take things day by day. You will experience anxiety but we are encouraging you to be patient and stay the course.

We want you to know that the Toronto Chapter (QCAA Toronto) will do our best to contribute to stemming the tide. We therefore wish to encourage you to redouble your efforts to take all precautions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

Our work and plans have been affected and we have taken the following steps to protect the health and well-being of our communities:

- ✓ Cancelled our Last Lap Lime and Father's Day Brunch events.
- ✓ In the process of making arrangements to reschedule our Annual General Meeting that is usually held at the end of April
- ✓ Conducted Executive Committee and other meetings over Zoom and are in the process of acquiring a licence for video conferencing with a large number of participants. It is anticipated that, from here on, we will conduct a large part of our business via video conferences.
- ✓ Collaborated with QC, the QC PTA, other Chapters to provide financial and other assistance to acquire desktop and personal computing devices for QC teachers and students. The equipment would be used for online classes and to write the CXC exams.

While it's important for everyone to practice physical distancing, staying socially connected with family, friends, and those who are vulnerable would be very helpful.

These are unsettling times and COVID-19 is clearly impacting our personal and professional lives. I wanted to wish you and your loved ones a safe passage through this difficult period.

Please take care, stay positive. I am confident we will get through this together.

Gerald Alleyne
President, QCAA Toronto