

From: [Mueller, Bruce](#)
Subject: College of Pharmacy Response to the Washtenaw County "Stay in Place" Order
Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020 3:12:40 PM
Importance: High

College of Pharmacy Community:

Normally I try to keep my emails to you limited to one/week, but after sending this week's communication, Washtenaw County, in conjunction with our central university administration, have put forth a [Stay In Place Order](#) for undergraduate students to reduce the spread of COVID on campus. President Schlissel [has explained](#) what it means to the broader university, I want to explain to you what the implications are to the College of Pharmacy.

The College of Pharmacy will be complying with the Stay in Place order. The following will be in effect immediately:

1. All College-led **BSPS** courses will be taught remotely.
2. All College-led **BSPS** Examinations will similarly be conducted remotely.
 - a. The Stay in Place Order is to end on November 3, but I reserve the right to continue remote teaching until the end of the semester for our BSPS students.
3. **BSPS** students who would like to talk about the implications of the order are encouraged to schedule a meeting with Dean Nelson [here](#) or with Dr. Holliday [here](#).
4. Note that the order states that undergraduates will not be allowed to participate in in-person research and scholarship, however [exceptions](#) to this provision are the following:
 - a. Senior students engaged in in-person research and scholarship for credit as part of a class or a thesis project can work with research leadership in their particular unit to request an exception
 - b. Undergraduates with campus jobs will still be able to go to work with the consent of their supervisors – under public health protocols
 - c. Undergraduates who might fall into one of these above categories *should contact their laboratory supervisor for direction.*

The Stay in Place Order specifically [exempts](#) professional (**PharmD**) and graduate (**MSIPS and PhD**). Consequently, no changes will be made to any of these programs.

1. **PharmD** coursework taught by the College will continue to be held using the format as originally planned.
2. **PharmD** exams in College-led courses that were planned to be held in person, will continue to be held in person.
3. All **PharmD** IPPE/APPEs will continue as originally planned.
 - a. I am placing an authorization letter that PharmD students might want to print and carry with you that you could produce if anyone stops you to ask why you are still on campus or heading to IPPE/APPEs. The [letter](#) will be placed on [the College COVID webpage](#) for your use. We found that a letter like this was useful during the March/April COVID period, and I wanted to do this again on your behalf.
4. **Graduate**-level courses will be held as they have been unless instructed otherwise by

the course coordinator.

I remind **Everyone** to use the ResponsiBLUE tool every time you come to campus or to your practice sites. ResponsiBLUE is now available as a phone app and is very fast to use. Get it at your phone's app store.

Our College of Pharmacy community has done an outstanding job on adhering to public health recommendations for social distancing, hand washing and reducing lab/building density. As a result, we have built very safe work and educational environments. As described in President Schlissel's message regarding the county order, COVID transmission on campus has not been occurring in classrooms or laboratories, precisely because you all have been doing a phenomenal job in keeping yourselves and the College community safe. We will continue to meet or exceed all safety expectations going forward. Please continue to follow guidelines from Dean Ellingrod regarding building and laboratory safety. College staff and faculty will continue to work remotely to the extent possible. Our exam and classroom procedures will continue to prioritize social distancing and cleaning of work areas. Dean Sweet has polled PharmD students for more ideas on how to keep in person educational activities as safe as possible.

This move by the County and University understandably may increase your level of concern, despite the evidence suggesting that our classrooms and labs are safe. If this is the case for you, I encourage you to enroll into the University's Community Sampling and Tracking Program. You can find more information about this free, on-campus testing program [here](#). Some College faculty who have signed up have already been tested. (Good news, it is a saliva test and not the more invasive nasal swab!)

Thanks for all that you are doing in these difficult times. Let me know how I can support you.

Bruce A. Mueller, Pharm.D., FCCP, FASN, FNKF

Interim Dean and Professor
University of Michigan College of Pharmacy
428 Church Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1065
(734) 764-7144

Electronic Mail is not secure, may not be read every day, and should not be used for urgent or sensitive issues