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Hi Grad Students,

Students are moving back to the dorms and apartments and COVID testing has started. The positivity rates are lower than I expected, so that is good news. You can follow this yourselves here: <https://campusblueprint.umich.edu/dashboard/>
See the bottom of page for Pre-Arrival Testing Results.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ **University Plans:** You received a message on Monday from the University with this link outlining their COVID plans for students <https://studentlife.umich.edu/student-life-news>.

The College of Pharmacy already is a small, tight-knit community and we do take care of each other quite well. We have prepared our teaching environments to be as safe as possible. My bigger concerns for your health occur outside the College. Once you get to my age, you remember more of the social aspects of college than the classroom stuff! This year, hanging out with your friends at social gatherings is more likely to be a source of COVID contamination than is the tightly regulated classroom environment. It is going to be difficult to wear those masks at get-togethers and remember to wash your hands after going out, but if we want to get through this semester safely, all of us (**me included!**) are going to have to modify our behavior. Please help each other remember why we are here and what it will take to keep us safe.

- ❖ **Wolverine Culture of Care:** To help keep the campus and broader community as healthy and safe as possible, the University of Michigan has launched the Wolverine

Culture of Care — an initiative aimed to provide education on health-promoting behaviors and promote collective responsibility and positive social norms related to the virus. Student Life also has launched the Michigan Ambassador program, a student-centered health initiative designed to promote COVID-19 safety protocols. Read more in The Record [HERE](#).

❖ **ResponsiBLUE:**

- Every university community member (faculty, staff, and student) that is present in-person on U-M property or in a U-M facility during the day must complete a health assessment through the ResponsiBLUE tool before they enter the building or property. ResponsiBLUE is an accessible, mobile-friendly health screen tool (responsiblue.umich.edu), which will have a soon-to-be-released mobile app version.
- Every university community member studying or working at home or remotely can also use ResponsiBLUE, if they want to. While it is not required of individuals who are remote, doing so will help make using the tool a healthy habit, and the aggregated data gathered will provide useful information about the overall health of the U-M community.
- The ResponsiBLUE program will soon be available as a phone app at the Apple App store. (It had better be free!!!!) For now, you need to use the URL above.

❖ **Building Access:** Since all graduate students and post-doctoral fellows now have 24/7 card reader access to the building, there is no need to ask permission to enter the building if you need to retrieve something from your office or pick up supplies. You are expected to work remotely, unless you are required to work on-site as outlined in your work plans for fall or directed by your supervisor. If you are required to work on-site and have concerns, please reach out to your supervisor and/or Jodie Dressler for HR options (cop.humanresources@umich.edu).

❖ **For Those Who Must Use Their Offices/Spaces in the Building:** Rooms that are shared have been marked with maximum occupancy signs. The maximum occupancy signs numbers are often less than the number of people that usually work in these spaces, so you will need to coordinate with your space-mates to not exceed the maximum occupancy numbers.

Single-use offices were not marked with maximum occupancy signs because you are allowed to have up to one student/person in your office, provided both of you are seated, have masks on and are sitting 6 feet apart, and your interaction takes less than

90 minutes. Contact Vicki should you have any questions about this.

- ❖ **Lunch Spaces:** There are a total of 13 single occupancy rooms that can be used for lunches. Each of them will be open from 8:00am-5:30pm, and have signs indicating that they are reserved for researchers in the building from 11:00am-2:00pm. This would include faculty and staff who are in the building for extended hours. Right now we are not planning on having a reservation system for these rooms, but if you encounter any problems please reach out to Vicki to discuss.

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Please make sure that you wipe down the space before you eat. Also some of these rooms have extra chairs in them. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE ANY CHAIRS FROM THESE ROOMS WITHOUT PERMISSION.** We are working to limit seating space in the college to align with University guidance and therefore moving these chairs may compromise our compliance. The refrigerator and microwaves in the kitchen will be open for use, however, the coffee machine will not be available for use. You must wash your hands before leaving the room and practice a clean hand escape.

- ❖ **COVID Related Concerns:** Any concerns or questions you have related to the COP's response to the pandemic may be sent to Pharmacy.COVID.Concerns@umich.edu. Holly Jablonski and Pennie Rutan will receive messages and direct them to the appropriate party for handling. Our existing concern note process may be used for any concerns related to specific employees or students: https://apps.phar.umich.edu/prof_concern/.

RESEARCH

All of the COVID regulations regarding how we do research are still in place (minus the greeter stations). Labs should not exceed 45% COVID spacing capacity. I also wanted to make sure you saw the email on Saturday, August 22nd, from Dr. Ernst, the Executive Director of University Health Service and Associate Vice President for Health and Wellness in Student Life. Everyone in the building should be using ResponsiBLUE.

Visitors/Guests: According to U-M guidelines, visitors and guests on campus will be extremely limited and will require them to use the guest version of the ResponsiBLUE (guest.responsiblue.umich.edu) whenever they come to campus.

- Visitors: If you would like to have a visitor come to the COP (duration 1-14 days), it will require approval. Please complete the request to host a short-term visitor (<https://pharmacy.umich.edu/mycop/request-short-term-visitor-1-14-days>), and

submit it to cop.humanresources@umich.edu.

- Vendors: If you need to have a repair person or vendor come to the COP, please send an email to cop.bldg.access@umich.edu.

YOUR WELL-BEING

Aligning with our well-being efforts for the year ahead, [the Five F's of Wellness](#) website was designed by students for students. The vision of this website is to connect students with services and information at the College of Pharmacy, University of Michigan, or around the local community of Ann Arbor. While this site is new and it is a good start, we would like to encourage students to forward an email to pharmacy.wellness@umich.edu and provide resources you have found useful and think would benefit the students in our community so we can add to this page.

Sincerely,
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