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Hi PharmD Students,

I had a chance to meet the incoming P1 class this morning. What a great group of individuals who took some interesting “scarf photos”! I am excited for the year to start. I hope to see you in person later this week.

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.

CLASS-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

P1 STUDENTS

- **Fall 2020 Classroom updates:** The following P1 courses were recently assigned to a larger classroom. You can also view the new room assignment on your class schedule in Wolverine Access: <https://maps.studentlife.umich.edu/building>
 - PharmSci 508: Weiser 182 (Monday and Friday)
 - Pharmacy 506: BSB 1060 (Thursday)

P2 STUDENTS

- **Fall 2020 Classroom updates:** The following P2 course was recently assigned to a larger classroom. You can also view the new room assignment on your class schedule in Wolverine Access: <https://maps.studentlife.umich.edu/building>

- o MedChem 600: Weiser 182 (Wednesday)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ❖ **Landing Space for Commuter Students:** Plans for commuter space for students on days when there is not enough time between classes to travel to/from home to school are being finalized. Because space on campus will be very limited due to social distancing requirements, commuter space will be based on need. Thanks to all who have responded to the survey sent last week. If you are a commuter and have not responded, be sure to let us know by Wed morning (8/26) by completing [this survey](#). Access to commuter space will be managed using a Calendly sign-up, with the sign-up sheet closing once the room capacity has been met. Of note, commuter space is only to be used by students on days that they have classes on campus. It is not available as a work-space at the college for general use. The commuter space sign-up through Calendly will open at noon on Thursday (8/26).

- ❖ **Signing Up for In-Person Teaching:** In an effort to maximize the number of opportunities for students to participate in in-person instruction, several courses are being offered in a hybrid manner. Most of these hybrid courses offer students the option to attend class in person, while simultaneously streaming the class for those who participate remotely via Zoom. All in-person instruction will follow strict safety protocols and social distancing requirements. Equitable access to live instruction is needed, particularly if there are more students who want to attend live than there are seats available in the classroom. Attendance will be monitored by the Office of Student Services to ensure equity. A Calendly sign-up (available through the course Canvas site) will be used for all classes that offer optional in-person attendance. Students should not wait until the last minute to sign up, should not sign up for all class sessions (at least initially until we know what the demand for in-person is), and should cancel the reservation if their plans change. The Calendly sign-up will close once the room capacity has been met. Students who want to participate in in-person instruction but are not able to secure a seat in the room should email cop.registrar@umich.edu with the course number/dates they would like to attend in order to be added to a wait list. The in-person sign-up will open at noon on Wednesday (8/26).

- ❖ **University COVID 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.

❖ **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/.

❖ [PharmD Student Q&A Page](#): Please use this Q&A resource to answers most of your questions. If you have new questions, please feel free to ask by adding it to this page for a prompt response.

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.

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