Hi PharmD Students,

We are getting clarity from central university on what plans are in place for all of us in the Fall semester for buses and libraries. We are also finalizing our procedures and this email contains some of the latest developments for you.

Friday, I will be doing a building walk through to make sure we have things ready to go for your arrival. There are a lot of moving parts, but things are coming together!

As always, we are monitoring the PharmD Student Q&A Page. If you have new questions, please ask on that page for a prompt response.

Dr. Preeti Malani, Chief Health Officer for the University of Michigan MD wrote a piece in the New York Times for college students and their parents about how to stay safe this semester. This is worth reading. Share with your folks!

**YOUR WELL-BEING**

- **Embedded Psychologist Update**: Dr. Jamie Yang will continue on leave through the Fall semester. However, we have plenty of activities focused on well-being in store as well as other resources on campus available to meet students’ needs. Two such resources include virtual appointments through our Counseling and Psychological Services on central campus and Wolverine Wellness. Our Student Services team is always available as well to support you and/or point you to other available resources.

As we prepare for the semester ahead, a simple reminder that it’s okay to not feel okay right now. As you’re transitioning from different living situations, responsibilities,
and stressors, and diving into (or back into) a new environment, don't forget to practice self-compassion (be kind to yourself). Remember that your Pharmacy Phamily and our entire College of Pharmacy community is here to support you!

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

I don’t doubt that policies and procedures will change in the course of the semester, but below are the current College Building and Classroom procedures that you have been asking about and the latest information on libraries and campus buses from central UM.

**BUILDING AND CLASSROOM PROCEDURES**

**PharmD and BSPS Student Procedures**

The main Pharmacy lobby and NUB building entrance hours will be available for entry from 6am-6pm Monday-Friday for PharmD and BSPS students. Prior to entering the building for the first time all students must complete COVID specific training, which will be released by the University shortly. When this training becomes available we will notify you.

Here are important safety precaution procedures to follow for the building and classroom:

1. **You must** complete the [Health Screening Tool](#) each day before coming into the building. If you experience symptoms or fail the health screening tool questions (red screen), don’t come to the College and contact [University Health Services (UHS)](#).

2. Students may enter at the main Pharmacy entrance lobby (corner of N. University and Church) and any entrance in North University Building (NUB) with a card reader. Only authorized students will be allowed entrance to the building by using your MCard. **IMPORTANT:** To ensure all safety precautions for our community are upheld, do not hold the door for other individuals entering the building.

3. Masks **must** be worn when entering the building and at all times while in any area of the building (i.e. classrooms, restrooms, hallways, etc.).

4. Proceed directly to your classroom being sure to maintain social distancing of 6 ft at all times while in the hallways.

5. Signage will be posted outside of all classroom doors to indicate the **entrance and exit** path for all rooms. There will also be signage posted in the lobby, restrooms, corridors, stairwells, elevators, conference rooms, kitchen, break areas, shared copy rooms, laboratories, and closed areas. Please be aware of these signs and
follow the instructions.

6. **Upon entering the classroom**, choose a seat that is open. Do not sit in a seat that has been marked off, as this is intentional to maintain the 36 sq ft per occupant requirements. Students are required to wipe down their desks or workstations at the start of each class with the supplies that will be provided in each classroom. Instructors will do the same at the lectern and their teaching equipment.

7. Remain in your seat during the class.

8. **Before leaving the classroom**, students will be required to wipe down their desks or workstations and disinfect any shared equipment at the end of their class session. Students will be instructed to wash their hands or use sanitizer after using the equipment.

9. Proceed from classroom to the nearest building exit while maintaining social distancing of 6 ft at all times while in the hallways. Once your class or exam is completed students are required to leave the building.

10. Space is being designated for students who are commuting to campus and cannot travel home between classes or exams. These spaces will be limited, and will be based on need rather than convenience. Students should plan arrival accordingly. More information will be announced prior to the start of the semester about how to access these spaces.

**U-M LIBRARIES:** *(Hatcher, Shapiro, Taubman, Music, Fine Arts, Buhr, Research Museums Center and the Art, Architecture, & Engineering libraries).*

https://www.lib.umich.edu/about-us/access-during-covid-19

**Access to library buildings**
Library staff is currently working in the Hatcher building and Buhr. They are working with the U-M Office of Research to open the rest of their remote shelving facilities to library staff to enable scanning and other services. They expect to have access to all library buildings, including remote shelving facilities before Fall semester begins. Plans are to open Shapiro for study by appointment for Fall semester, with similar plans for the Art, Architecture, and Engineering Library (AAEL). No other library buildings will offer study space in the fall, though some will offer by-appointment services.

**Library reopening plans**
- Access to study space in Shapiro will be restricted to U-M community members, and because of density restrictions will be by appointment only. That includes access to student study space (which will be limited to approximately 100 seats at
any given time). For all Shapiro-based services, we will ask patrons to make appointments via an online scheduling tool. Similarly, the hours that we will be open by appointment will be fewer than our typical 24x7 schedule. Our current plans call for Shapiro to be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., M-F.

• With some exceptions tied to specific collections (maps, papyrology, special collections), access to Hatcher will be restricted to library staff. Individual scholars who need access to “library use only” materials can make appointments and we will provide limited access to the extent we can in compliance with EHS guidance.

• All of the stacks will be closed to visitors, library staff will retrieve materials requested by users. There is simply no way to safely manage public traffic within the stacks.

• While the Duderstadt Center is no longer part of the library (AAEL, which is in the building, remains part of the library), we are working with them on a plan to reopen to the campus community which will be similar to our plans for Shapiro.

• Bert’s Cafe in Shapiro, and Mujo in the Duderstadt Center, will both be open for online ordering and take away service, but consumption of food and drink will not be allowed in either of those buildings, at least initially.

**U-M BUS SYSTEM:** University of Michigan’s Logistics, Transportation & Parking (LTP) is making major changes to maintain safety for those who ride U-M buses. The plan, developed in collaboration with College of Engineering (COE) and public health experts, includes a significant overhaul of the campus bus network and will take effect Monday, Aug. 24. A few key changes are outlined below. For more details on these changes and alternative services available, click here.

• Face coverings are required.

• Bus routes redesigned to approximately 15 minutes or less (please see the new U-M Bus Route Guide).

• North-East Shuttle service changing for fall semester.

• Riders per bus reduced by nearly half.

• Additional measures being taken:
  o Windows must remain open on the bus. We apologize for the inconvenience on the short trip.
  o Drivers will take advantage of stops to open doors for increased ventilation.
  o Increased air filtration for all buses.
  o Plexiglass shields have been installed as a barrier between passengers and drivers.
  o Requiring rear door boarding and alighting (unless wheelchair access is needed).
  o Enhanced cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces.
- Signage on the bus exterior, interior, and at stops reminding riders of public health measures.
- Volunteer ambassadors at key bus stops will assist passengers and remind passengers to wear a face covering.

Sincerely,
Bruce Mueller
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