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BSPS Students,

Hello! I wanted to send out a quick note to catch you up on our Fall semester planning.

- **Remember to check your revised Fall Class Schedule**: Class schedules have been adjusted, as needed, to accommodate hybrid and synchronous remote teaching. Please login into Wolverine Access to view your class schedule and make any necessary changes. A complete list of classes can be found [HERE](https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/94382709835).

- **New Student Orientation** will be held on 8/28/20 at 10:00am EST on Zoom. More information will be shared in the coming weeks. Please contact Dr. Matt Holliday (mhollid@umich.edu) if you will not be able to attend orientation. Orientation Link is here: [https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/94382709835](https://umich-health.zoom.us/j/94382709835).

- **What should I do if I am having internet/connectivity issues?** Remote instruction requires flexibility and understanding of the varying resources available to individuals at home. Connectivity issues are a daily occurrence and can be stressful in the moment. The University provides helpful resources for internet connectivity issues and options to students for discounts with internet providers. We are updating our website so that students can find this information easily in MyCOP Student Business webpage.

If you are unable to afford adequate internet services, contact the Office of Financial Aid to apply for special assistance with internet or equipment costs related to
COVID. If you experience connectivity issues, it is important to communicate the issue as soon as possible and be patient and flexible when challenges occur. Please contact Student Services personnel in the College and Matt Holliday would be the first person you contact (mhollid@umich.edu). To proactively prevent frustration by this limitation, please ensure that you have adequate internet bandwidth.

- **Building and Classroom Procedures:** I am hopeful that I will be able to share our plans for how we will handle our classes in the Pharmacy Building. We are working on safety measures to ensure social distancing and keeping the learning areas clean.

- **CARES Act Funding:** The University of Michigan-Ann Arbor created an application for students to complete and submit if they would like to receive emergency grant support for COVID related expenses such as (but not limited to), food, housing, course materials, technology, health care, and child care. You can apply directly through Wolverine Access or contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

- **Child Care Subsidy:** The University of Michigan offers a Child Care Subsidy to students to assist with the cost of licensed child care of their young, dependent children. Students are temporarily eligible for reimbursement under the subsidy, regardless of the state, country, or agency of licensure. Previously, eligibility was limited to the State of Michigan.

- **General Questions** about the BSPS program can be posted on this site: BSPS Student Q&A Page. You will remain anonymous if you would like to, but we can make sure that everyone gets the answer. I will make sure that the appropriate person answers your question as quickly as possible. So far only a few questions have been posted.

- **Your Wellbeing:** Find out what Wellness Coaching is all about HERE, then check out Wellness Coaching opportunities through Wolverine Wellness to support behavior change! Common topics include sleep, nutrition, stress, anxiety management, academic concerns, and more. We all can use extra support during these tough times, so explore and strengthen your skill set for the semester ahead.

Sincerely,
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