Hi PharmD Students,

We are putting the final touches on the Fall semester plans. I want to share information with you as quickly as I get it. General University information about the University’s plans for COVID can be found on their Campus Blueprint page and their FAQ’s can be found HERE.

Here is what is going on at the College:

**GENERAL INFORMATION (applies to all)**

- **Academic Calendar:** The fall and winter academic calendar dates are available HERE.
  
  Important points to note on the calendar:
  - Fall term (2020): elimination of fall study days, last day of in-person before Thanksgiving break (11/20), week-long Thanksgiving break, transition to all remote on 11/30, change to last day of classes to 12/8 (from 12/10), and finals now 12/10, 11, 14-18

- **Fall Pharmacy Class Schedule:** Class schedules have been adjusted, as needed, to accommodate hybrid and synchronous remote teaching. A complete list of classes can be found HERE.

- **Exam Schedule Update:** Classrooms for exams have been requested based on the consolidated exam schedule that was developed with PharmD course coordinators. We hope to hear back about room availability by early August. Exam dates will have to be adjusted, as needed, if rooms are not available on the days/times that were
requested. As a reminder, all exams given after November 20th will be given remote in all programs.

❖ **PharmD Student Q&A Page**: Use this page to ask us questions anonymously and we will answer them so all can see our response. I have been very impressed with the quality of the questions so far. Our morning leadership meetings often start with what you have asked! I appreciate you keeping me on my toes!

❖ **In-Person Small Group Learning Preferences** *(responses due by Aug 11)*: As you are aware, we plan on offering some limited small group learning experiences this coming fall for our P1-P3 students. In an attempt to maximize your comfort and safety, we are providing the opportunity for you to share information on your close personal contacts to consider when being grouped with students you carpool with or with whom you have regular close personal contact. If you would like to share your preferences click [HERE](#). Please note this is meant to build a sense of safety among the CoP students as they ease back into in-person learning, not provide an opportunity to allow students to select their small groups based on social preference.

❖ **Pharmacy Community Connect Day**: This event has historically provided a great opportunity for our students to engage with the public and to get to know each other in our pharmacy phamily structure. After much deliberation and careful consideration and consultation with our student leaders and community sites, we have decided to [cancel](#) our Pharmacy Community Connect Day for Fall 2020 due to our commitment to keeping our students and patients safe by minimizing close contact and considering occupancy limits within pharmacies. There will be no required replacement or make-up activity for this event.

❖ **Health Promotion Events**: Pharmacy Community Connect Day is one example of a health promotion activity that we have made the decision to cancel in the year ahead. To align with this decision, we will not be holding required health promotion/community-based events in the upcoming academic year, as previously required within the Lifelong Learning course. All students with outstanding health promotion (IPPE) hours from last year must complete these, and we will work with you directly to safely do so. We are taking this step to remove this requirement to minimize large group gatherings involving patients and students. Services being conducted at medical clinics, including the Hope Clinic, Student Run Free Clinic, and HUDA, for example, may still continue in these more controlled settings with specific appointment times. Please be assured that by canceling these events we are ensuring students will have the required number of IPPE hours to start rotations and for graduation.

**CLASS-SPECIFIC INFORMATION**
P1 Students
- **Elective opportunity**: Nine openings remain to sign up for P507: Well-being for Professional Success.

P2 Students
- IPPE Hours for the semester need to be completed by November 20, which is the date that the University is going to entirely remote teaching. You will work with your preceptor to find the way to complete your hours in a way that works for you and your preceptor’s schedule. In general, there will only be 1-2 IPPE experiences that have to be moved up.

P3 Students
- IPPE Hours for the semester need to be completed by November 20, which is the date that the University is going to entirely remote teaching. You will work with your preceptor to find the way to complete your hours in a way that works for you and your preceptor’s schedule. In general, there will only be 1-2 IPPE experiences that have to be moved up.

P4 Students
- **ASHP Midyear**: This will be a virtual event for this year, and it will have profound impact on events like Residency Showcase. No details yet on whether there will be a vehicle to present your PDI research at the meeting. If you can present your PDI at this virtual meeting, we will work with you to help pay for meeting registration. *(Thanks Alumni!)*

- **APPE End-Date**: There are no changes to the APPE end-date even though didactic classes move to fully remote on 11/30.

- **This message is from University of Michigan CAPS that is worth considering:**
  “With more time spent at home and online, it can be easy to get caught up in what others are doing and compare those actions and accomplishments with your own. Especially with social media, many of us get stuck in these negative comparisons, which are unrealistic considering that social media is often a highlight reel of only our best moments. No matter how you decide to spend your time, remember that we are living in unprecedented times, dealing with great amounts of stress and uncertainty. Everyone is struggling at some level, whether they post about it or not. It’s important to take this time to prioritize yourself and celebrate anything you are comfortable and able to do during this time. Even if it feels as simple as getting out of bed or going outside today, take pride in your achievements and practice self-compassion.”
Sincerely,
Bruce Mueller
Interim Dean and Professor of Clinical Pharmacy

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