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Hi Faculty and Staff,

We have received provisional approval of our building re-entry plan from the Provost's office. Thanks to all of you who have helped put this big document together. Like the rest of the University, we are planning to hold classes using a hybrid approach. Some classes will be taught in-person when it makes sense and others will be taught remotely when that works. Classroom teaching will require everyone to have 36 sq ft of space. Lab work or office work requires 144 sq ft per person. Pat Greeley has posted signs for room capacities outside rooms. Masks will always be worn in the College unless you are alone in a room with your door closed. My personal bias is that I would like for as many of us to work from home as we can. Some work cannot be done remotely, but my goal is that we try to find ways to get our work done remotely to the extent possible.

❖ **Academic Calendar:** Hopefully by now, you have heard that University has changed its 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
- Winter term (2021): late start on Jan 19th, elimination of spring break, last day of classes 4/20, and finals 4/22, 23, 26-29.

❖ **Fall 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](#) and PharmD classes can be found [HERE](#).

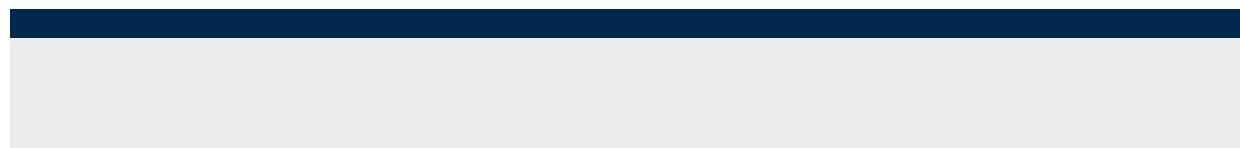
❖ **Exam Schedule Update:** Classrooms for exams have been requested based on the consolidated exam schedule that was developed with PharmD course coordinators. We hope to hear back about room availability by early August. Exam dates will have to

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.

- ❖ **Wellness:** Staff/Faculty/Student wellbeing is a top priority for me this year. Everyone is social distancing, interactions with others have been interfered with, and what makes learning and working fun at a university has been disrupted. Further, our embedded CAPS counselor will not be in the building for the Fall semester due to there being not enough counselors at the University. All of us need to keep an eye out for each other to make sure we are okay. The Pharmacy Phamily Advisors' role for outreach and connection to students will be more important than ever. Thanks again to those of you who work with our students in this manner. Let's take care of each other!
- ❖ **Child Care:** I see that Ann Arbor Schools have announced their plans for the semester and other schools will be doing the same. This will affect many of us. For information about childcare and tutoring services, visit [U-M's Child Care Resources page](#).
- ❖ We have a **faculty and staff meeting** scheduled for next Monday, Aug 10 from 3:30-5:00 PM. We will go into more detail about our semester plans, so please attend. Dress code – **CASUAL!**

I will see you online on Monday!

Sincerely,
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