Hi P1s, P2s, P3s, P4s:

What a week! This is a long update with some **breaking news**. This will have to cover the whole weekend.

1. **We have class meetings** set up for all three classes next week. These will be virtual meetings, so as much as possible it would be wonderful to have issues/questions ahead of time, otherwise we will have 80 people trying to talk at once. Your class reps can collate the issues and get them to Dean Bostwick. Some of you have IPPEs at that time. We will record the meeting and take minutes which your class reps will disseminate. Dean Bostwick has already sent the BlueJeans invitation to P1s and P3s as I am typing this to you! P2s, be patient, your meeting is not until Friday.

2. Speaking of **IPPEs**, if you are on one and your place has not barred you from going and you want to go to IPPE – then go! Heaven knows the community and hospital sites need your help. If you are not going to your IPPE, be sure you have notified Office of Experiential Education and/or submit an absence request.

3. **Hey P3s** – We have implemented as solution for the P4 APPEs. Barring new catastrophe, APPEs should all be done on time and P4s will not in your way for you to start APPEs. We can discuss at Class Meeting, but this news should lower your stress level. A full IPPE plan will roll out next week, but the way you can best help us is #2 above.

4. **P1-P4s - Grade Masking for Winter Term**: You will receive an email later tonight from the Provost’s office informing you that a grade masking system is being implemented on the Ann Arbor Campus. This will apply to our BSPS and PharmD program. We will follow the University policy. It is being done in an effort toward student wellness due to the overwhelming changes we have had to make in educational program this semester. This requires no action from you today. Details to follow next week. **This should be a good thing for you all.** Let’s discuss the process at the P1-2-3 student meetings. P4s, we will handle separately.

5. **If you are volunteering** during this crisis, be sure to be logging what you do in co-curricular logs.

6. **Curriculum Deadlines**: We recognize that some deadlines may need to be adjusted. We will do so as the COVID situation evolves.
   - P1s – probably not the time to be asking faculty if they are available for PDI. You don’t have to know until late Fall semester, so hold off on communication for a few weeks.
   - LLL information and deadlines will be shared at class meetings.
   - P3s – reach out to your PDI mentors to see what you can be working on now. I know that some of you are stopped by the human research stoppage.

7. Faculty received these tips on how to make sure online tech works, and I figured these apply to you too.
   - Have your laptop connected to power
   - Restart your computer at least once a week to get all updates.
   - Close down any unused tabs and programs before presentation online
   - Get online before class to make sure everything is functioning correctly
   - Using a headset with a microphone usually will give the best sound quality when talking and help to block out any background noise
8. **Blood shortage** is critical. Over 4000 blood drives have been cancelled due to COVID. There is a donation center at 4624 Packard Rd. I am signing up. Please consider it. [https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time)

9. Really cool news about those of you that have volunteered to help the health center make gallons and gallons of hand sanitizer. Photos of faculty, students and techs in action below. Thanks for making a real difference!

![Volunteers making hand sanitizer](image)

You will be happy to know that the furnace that has not worked in my house all week has been replaced. Just in time for today’s 68 degree day. 😊

We are surviving online instruction. Are you? Check here for one viewpoint: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCe5PaeAeew](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CCe5PaeAeew)

Have a great weekend!

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