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Dear Students of Biochemistry 2L06:

The university community takes the health and wellness of our members seriously and we are interested in slowing the potential for spread of COVID-19. We are committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. While the University has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the pandemic has unfolded, the university has made a decision to suspend classes at McMaster.

McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students will end as of Friday March 13th and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.

The following describes what you can expect for Biochemistry 2L06 between now and the end of the term:

Between now and April 7, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:

- All remaining classes, laboratory and team think tank sessions are cancelled.
- We will hold virtual think tank sessions using the discussion feature on A2L
- The course instructor will post a custom video explaining the virtual think tank assessment requirements
- The course instructor can be reached on A2L via the discussion feature. Additionally, the course instructor can be reached via email.

In addition, you can expect the following changes to the assessments used for this course:

- The team presentation has been cancelled, but the weighting of this will be combined with the T3-4 data analysis postlab and the requirements of this new assessment will combine key learning outcomes from both previous assessments (8% of final mark). This will be communicated clearly to students. We will provide designated discussion sessions on A2L (with the course instructor and TAs) for student questions.
- The final test will now be delivered on A2L and will become a final assignment (20%).

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed.

In the event significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course. Please visit <https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/> for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Felicia Vulcu, Instructor

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