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Dear Students of Biochemistry 3H03:

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 13<sup>th</sup> and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.**

The following describes what you can expect for Biochemistry 3H03 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:

- The remaining lectures will be delivered as PowerPoint lectures using the voice recording option to record the verbal component of the lecture. The PowerPoint files will be filed on the A2L site.
- The schedule of the lectures may be delayed by several days but they will be posted as they become available prior to April 6.
- Each instructor will hold virtual office hours using the Communications/Chat tool on A2L.

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

- The quiz that was scheduled for March 23 will be postponed one week until March 30 and the final quiz has been cancelled. The quiz component of the mark will be derived from your best four of the five quizzes.
- The final exam will take place as scheduled as an online exam using Avenue to Learn using a format similar to the quizzes.

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. Peter Whyte, Instructor

Dr. Brian Coombes, Chair