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Dear Students of Biochem 4C03:

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 Biochem 4C03 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 in person classes and presentations have all been completed.
- The only item remaining is the final assignments, which is the grant proposal which is due during the final exam period and is to be submitted by email to the teaching assistant assigned to the students.
- Ordinarily the students would continue to meet with their assigned students until the end of the semester and I would have presented a lecture regarding how to write a research proposal and to review the guidelines, writing guide, rubric and sample that were posted for the proposal on A2L at the beginning of the term, but this will be replaced with virtual office hours (please reach out by email to your TA or to myself with any questions at any time).

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

- No changes will be made to the scheme used for this course.

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. John Hassell, Instructor

Dr. Brian Coombes, Chair