Dear Students of BIOCHEM 4J03:

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 4J03 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:

- Problem based learning presentations and journal club presentations will be converted to written assignments.
- The instructors will be available via e-mail to field any questions or concerns.

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

- The final written assignment and take-home exam will take place as scheduled in the course syllabus.
- No changes will be made to the scheme that will be used to calculate final grades.

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/](https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/) for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Caitlin Mullarkey, Instructor

Dr. Brian Coombes, Chair