

Dear Students of BiomedDC 2W03:

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 BiomedDC 2W03 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 lectures and tutorials have been cancelled.
- The course lectures were completed by March 13, with the exception of a lecture by the FHS librarians who were to present strategies and search tools. I have asked if they could share their PowerPoint presentation with us to post to A2L for you to use as a reference and guide when completing your literature review.
- The remainder of the course was going to be focused on writing and editing your literature review in person as a class, however, we can still do this virtually through the discussion board that I have created on A2L and through Kritik.
- We also encourage you to receive feedback by email or skype with your TA or instructors. Please feel free to send us an email at any time so that we can coach you through the final writing stages of your literature review.

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

- There will be no changes to the marking scheme for the 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. Michelle MacDonald, Instructor

Dr. Brian Coombes, Chair