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MLS Campus Students
RE: Fall Semester Courses and Laboratories

Dear Students,

The Spring semester was a trying time for everyone and the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) wanted to communicate with you about what to expect during the Fall semester as the world continues to battle the COVID-19 pandemic. Currently the university plans to offer all courses under the Yellow risk level but this is contingent on Utah’s case numbers and is subject to change. Under the Yellow risk level there will be guidelines in place to ensure the safest learning environment for students, faculty and staff. The MLS Department will be sending out more information in the form of protocols and informational videos as the Summer progresses but for now here are some general guidelines that will be in place:

- While on campus students, faculty, and staff will wear cloth facemasks or respirator masks (e.g. N95) AND practice physical distancing of at least six feet when possible.
- All lectures will be held online using Canvas and video recordings.
- Laboratory sections will be held on campus but there will be new safety guidelines in place regarding PPE and physical distancing.

These guidelines are meant to mitigate potential exposure and risk of students, faculty, and staff while on campus. This will mean smaller laboratory sections to accommodate physical distancing and the department is currently working on a revised laboratory schedule for the Fall. As the semester draws closer, we will continue to update you on schedule changes and issues pertaining to the safe reopening of the university. The department will be purchasing the necessary PPE for all students as well as MLS logo cloth facemasks to show your Weber Pride while practicing safety guidelines.

Your safety and continued educational training in Medical Laboratory Sciences is our top priority. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this trying time. The department will continue to work through the Summer to ensure you a safe and effective learning environment in the Fall.

Sincerely,

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