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Dear Pharmily,

Good evening. This is the first of the weekly communications I will be sending you. There are currently 136 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Louisiana (<http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus/>) with 3 deaths reported. Governor John Bel Edwards has closed bars, movie theaters, and casinos while limiting restaurants to carry out service. Overall, our living environment continues to evolve in response to COVID-19's spread across our country.

The ULM landscape is no different and changes are happening rapidly. Below you will find bulleted points regarding our program's changes and their effects upon your lives. If you have questions, please direct them to the program administrator (in parentheses) and to me and we will have a response sent to you ASAP. Additionally, your questions may become part of my next global communication. Updated information is presented below by programmatic area.

STUDENT AFFAIRS (Mrs. Rhea)

- Programmatic change is happening very quickly, and we will make every attempt to keep you informed and up to date. We ask that you check your emails and social media several times daily to watch for updates. Important communications will also be maintained from the College's COVID-19 webpage.
- We apologize for the inconvenience, but all College of Pharmacy related events are cancelled through April 17, 2020. Events scheduled after April 17 will be evaluated every two weeks.
- All student drug testing is currently suspended. As we get closer to the end of the semester, this will be re-visited. Please continue to review these communications for information regarding any change in this policy.
- Spring 2020 graduation is still planned to occur as schedule, at this time. More information will be available over the next month regarding this event. We will forward information to you as it is available.
- Student card reader access to the Bienville building has been suspended for all students (with the exception of PhD students engaged in laboratory research). The University and College are currently maintaining normal office hours. Students needing face-to-face meetings with faculty or staff will have access to the building by ringing the visitor buzzer at the front doors to the building. This is in response to the Governor's request for social distancing and restriction of group meeting sizes.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (Dr. Cockerham)

- The course coordinators will contact you regarding your classes prior to Thursday. Further

instructions will be provided and should include information regarding how courses have changed in response to the transition to online learning, how students can communicate with the instructor, and how students will receive feedback regarding learning progress.

- All students will need to create a free Zoom account (<https://zoom.us>) using their @warhawks.ulm.edu email addresses.
- Students without internet access are asked to contact Marcia Wells to obtain a University assigned hotspot.

Assessments:

- Exams, quizzes, and routine assignments will be administered via ExamSoft (PHRD) and Moodle (PHAR and TOXI)
- Please note that assessment will be occurring within your home. All students will be held to the Honor Code regardless of methodology used. Please remember that you have signed a document stating that they have read and will abide by the Student Handbook.

Experiential (IPPE, APPE):

- P4 Rotations (**Dr. Connie Smith**)

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) requires all students to complete a minimum of 1440 hours (6 APPE Blocks) and have a minimum of 160 hours in each of the four required APPE areas (community, institutional, general medicine, ambulatory care). Student safety is our primary concern; however, we realize requirements must be met for graduation.

Therefore, the following plan will be followed:

- All students currently enrolled in rotation block 7 will complete as scheduled. All students will follow the cautionary measures and policies for infection control for your assigned institution. If practice sites request students be removed due to COVID-19 precautions, case-by-case solutions will be identified between the student, practice site, and Office of Experiential Education (OEE).

Please note that OchsnerHealth and Cardinal Health have informed the College that pharmacy students have been identified as nonessential personnel. The College will work with affected students individually to complete block 7 rotations.

- For students who have met the 1440 hours and completed 160 hours in each of the four required APPE areas prior to block 8, rotation block 8 will be cancelled.
 - For students who **have not met the 160 hours** in each of the four required APPE areas, the OEE will work with each student on a case-by-case basis. We will provide further information as it is available.
- Practice sites have been instructed to contact the Director of Experiential Education in instances where site changes impact student engagement.

Interprofessional Education:

- Face to Face activities will be cancelled or rescheduled for a later date.
- The Course coordinator or Program Director for IPE will contact the class to give further instructions

RxPrep Onsite Course:

- Will be delivered via online format with Zoom.
- An update will be sent to P4 students as we progress closer to the scheduled events.
- All other RxPrep activities proceed as normal.

Be safe and stay in good health,

Dr. A.