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Dear Students in the Faculty of Health.

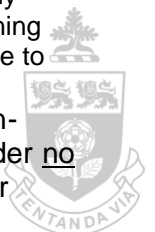
This has been a challenging few weeks as all of us have adjusted to the rapid transmission of the Omicron variant of COVID. We remain grateful for your understanding and resiliency. As indicated in the January 20<sup>th</sup> announcement by York University President Rhonda Lenton, we have received advice from Public Health officials that given the wide range of health and safety protocols we have put in place (see <https://www.yorku.ca/bettertogether/top-safety-measures-at-york/>), it is now possible to start resuming more classes in person and on campus. Like most other Faculties, Health will be adopting a phased approach to our return to on campus/in person course delivery.

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- Courses which were previously authorized to provide on campus/in person instructors will continue to operate in this manner.
- Student's enrolled in practicums and experiential learning courses that are delivered entirely or partially through a third-party location such as a hospital, school, or community agency should check with their instructor on how the course will be delivered and when third party sites will be able to accommodate students.
- The following Kinesiology courses/labs will be delivered in person and on campus as of January 31: KINE 3575 with K. Parr; KINE 4455 with T. Cleworth; PKIN 303 sections M & N and PKIN 302 sec M
- All labs for KINE 3012 with M. Connor will return for on campus delivery starting February 7.
- We recognize that some students are taking courses provided by a Faculty other than Health. For students enrolled in BIOL2010 and/or CHEM 2050, the labs for these courses will begin on campus as of January 24. For students enrolled in BIOL 1000 and/or CHEM 2021, labs will be delivered on campus starting January 31<sup>st</sup>. For students enrolled in BIOL 3150 the labs will begin on campus as of February 7. Please consult with your course director for information about a return to campus for the lecture portions of the aforementioned courses. Please note that some courses or labs offered by other Faculties (e.g., Art, Media, Performance and Design; Engineering) may also be returning to campus before February 7 and students should consult with their course instructor for details.
- **With the exception of those noted above, all graduate and 1000 level courses in the Faculty of Health originally scheduled to be delivered on campus but temporarily moved to a remote format will return to campus delivery starting February 7.**
- **With the exception of those noted above, 4000 level courses in Health which are offered together with a graduate course will return to campus on February 7.**
- **All other Faculty of Health courses originally scheduled to be delivered on campus this winter but temporarily delivered through remote learning will return to campus Starting February 14.**
- Instructors of courses approved for earlier returns should notify their students at least 5 days in advance of the on campus first class.
- Requests to delay courses scheduled for on campus or third-party delivery beyond the above dates must be approved by the Dean and will only be considered in highly extenuating circumstances such as where a placement site or experiential learning partner is not able to take students, or an accommodation has been granted due to illness.
- We know that some students are asking for special permission to take in-person courses remotely and wish to remind you that instructors are under no obligation to create a second version of your course for those who prefer



remote delivery for whatever reason. However, in anticipation of higher than normal absenteeism among students, the University does encourage instructors to consider posting class materials including lecture notes and recordings on eClass, where feasible and consistent with the pedagogical design of the course. Supports for doing so are available through Learning Technology Services: <https://lthelp.yorku.ca/>

- The dates for reading week have not changed.

Staff in the Faculty of Health will also be returning to campus in a phased approach. Additional instructions will be provided in a separate communication from your manager. Separate messages will be sent with respect to campus access for research.

Additional information for students is available at:

<https://www.yorku.ca/bettertogether/2022/01/20/students-yorks-return-to-campus-begins-jan-31/>

Back to school resources for students such as learning support, financial support, mental health and wellbeing, etc., can be found at <https://currentstudents.yorku.ca/back-to-school>

Please note that our vaccination policy remains in effect. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors will still be required to complete a daily screening tool before visiting campus. Our policy requiring the use of masks (except for those with approved exemptions) remains in effect. Enhanced cleaning protocols and ventilation also remain in effect.

We look forward to seeing you back on campus. Finally, please remember to exercise compassion, understanding, and good hygiene practices while interacting with each other.

Kind regards,  
Paul McDonald, PhD, FRSPH, FCAHS  
Professor and Dean of Health