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Subject: Fall Semester Updates

HSC students,

This summarizes important details about the Health Science Center (HSC).

Please read it carefully.

Gundersen, Western and UWL are each using similar, but slightly different protocols, to promote safe operations during the COVID19 on their main campuses. Therefore, the HSC has **protocols specifically related to the HSC**, that may vary slightly from respective main campuses.

Individual Practices - Expected

- If any COVID 19 symptoms, stay home and inform your instructor.
- Complete a [symptom survey](#) any day you are entering the building.
 - A contactless thermometer is available inside the HSC entry doors
- Wear a face covering (e.g., cloth mask, bandana, procedure mask, etc.) at all times.
 - Faculty will be enforcing as part of classroom management/class guidelines. Please review your respective school's policies so you are prepared for the first day of class.
 - A face covering does not need to be worn when working alone in a lab.
- Maintain physical distancing of 6 feet.
- No more than two people in an elevator at one time. Also, please limit conversation in order to decrease aerosols in an enclosed space.

Individual Practices - Encouraged

- Consider taking the stairs instead of the elevator, if possible.
- Wash your hands throughout the day and use hand sanitizer when that is not possible.
- Refrain from touching your nose, mouth, or eyes.
- Limit close contacts when outside of lab instruction.
- View the HSC as a place for instruction/lab use, not for studying or socializing.

In addition to the individual practices listed above, the following building practices are being implemented:

- Food
 - No food allowed in labs
 - If necessary to order food via delivery, one must meet with vendor outside of the building. Vendors are not allowed inside the HSC.
 - Student eating areas: 1) Limited chairs in the atrium areas, 2) wooden slatted benches on the 3rd and 4th floor, 3) outside tables (in warmer weather) and 4) classrooms that are "open" and available for studying. (refer to schedule outside classroom doors) Please note that you may be asked to vacate the room if faculty need to host an impromptu meeting.
 - Please bring your own paper towels/napkins, etc. and ensure the table is cleaned after use

- Microwaves in lower level, departmental offices, and/or other labs will not be available. Refrigerators in lower level, departmental offices, and/or other labs will not be available.
- Chairs in atrium areas will be very limited. *Please note: If chairs are moved closer together, the chairs will be completely removed from the atrium areas.*
- The touch-free “fill your own bottle” fountains on the second and fourth floors will remain available. The drinking spigot will be covered on these, as well as those on all other water fountains in the building.
- Conference rooms will be locked and not available for studying.
- Rooms 4004/4006/5096 will be locked and not available for studying.
- Weekend lab usage
 - Always swipe your card individually, even if with another student
 - No cleaning is done on weekends
- Entrance off Badger Street will not be available for general entrance. This access will be for students visiting the Student Health Center.

To make your time at the HSC more comfortable please consider:

- Bringing your water bottle or cup for touch-free water fountains on 2nd and 4th floors
- Bringing your food in a cooler or thermos
- Bringing food that does not need to be heated
- Personal supply of face masks
- Personal hand sanitizer

Please review the [HSC Student Guide](#) for further information.

In general, touch points will be cleaned once a day. Classrooms will be cleaned in the evenings.

We recognize that some of the protocols listed above may be inconvenient. These are practices that are being implemented across all sectors in the community to decrease the virus spread.

We ask all of you to please take personal responsibility, not just when visiting the HSC, but also when interacting in the community as a whole.

Thank you in advance for doing your part in helping us all stay safe.