

Dear Students of **Biology 3SS3**

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 **Biology 3SS3** 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:

- Lectures and office hours will be held as usual, to the extent possible, but using web-conference software (either Zoom or WebEx – details will be provided on Avenue to Learn)

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

- Homework assignments will be submitted by email
- The final exam will be conducted at the scheduled time, via Avenue

If you have a need for accommodations, please continue to communicate with Student Accessibility Services and keep me informed.

In the event of 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,

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