Dear Students of Psych 3T03,

The university has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. As you’re aware, one of these measures was the decision late last week to suspend in-person classes for the remainder of the academic term.

**McMaster in-person classes and tests for undergraduate and graduate students ended as of Friday March 13th and no in-person exams will be held at the end of this term.**

This decision was made to ensure that our activities here at McMaster are aligned with the social distancing principle so important to broader public health at this time.

We are also committed to ensuring the successful completion of the current academic term by all of our students. To do so, we have put careful thought into the use of alternative assessment methods and evaluation schemes that are fair to all students. The following describes what you can expect for 4R03 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:

- I will be loading an audio version of lecture as well as my usual power point presentation for all our remaining lectures on our Avenue to Learn class site.
- We will not be having a Zoo Trip, a class hike, or a science outreach showcase.
- Tutorial notes on the various assigned readings will be posted with annotated explanations on Avenue to Learn

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

- Your final exam will be a timed 2.5 hour written exam. The final exam questions will be put on avenue at the beginning of the exam period and you will be expected to place your written answers into a folder on Avenue by the end of the exam period.
- The final exam will consist of a number of short answer questions. You will be given a series of questions or topics to study and your final exam will be a subsection of these questions/topics.

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

In the event significant changes to the COVID-19 situation, further changes may need to be made to this course and will be clearly communicated to you. Please also visit [https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/](https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/) for up-to-date university information.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sigal Balshine