Dear all,

As you are aware, the university has taken many measures to prepare and keep our community informed as the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded. 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 important to the broader public 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 PSYCH2GG3 between now and the end of the term:

Between now and April 7th, you can expect the following changes with respect to course instruction for this course:

- All in-person meetings and tutorials are cancelled.
- The lecture/night class component of the course has ended as of Wednesday, March 11th.
- The TAs and Instructor will hold virtual office hours to answer your questions. Information about virtual office hours will become available on Avenue before the end of the week by March 21st.

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

- **Online Final Exam** - Students will now complete a take-home online final exam. Final exam questions will become available on Avenue at 9AM on April 14th. Students have until 11:30PM on April 21st to complete and submit their answers to the relevant location on Avenue. Additional details about where to submit final exam answers will become available before April 1st.

**Content of Final Exam** - Final exam questions will be from lecture, videos, guest speakers, and textbook readings starting from January 8th and until the end of day on March 11th. It is expected that students will answer each question alone and without any assistance from their classmates. Students may wish to refer to their textbook readings or their lecture notes to assist with answering questions. However, each student is expected to summarize information in their own words and not use verbatim descriptions used in the textbook or elsewhere.
The information below is only for those students that were expected to deliver their Learning Labs during the weeks of March 16th, March 23rd, and March 30th.

- **Learning Lab Plan** - For those student teams that have not yet submitted their learning lab plan, please do so by the end of the day on March 30th at 11:30PM. Additional time is given to such students so that they may organize a plan to meet online with their teams. **Each team will submit one plan** containing the names of all team members to the relevant Dropbox folder on Avenue.

- **Peer Evaluation** - Each student is also expected to submit an individual peer evaluation of their team by March 30th at 11:30PM to the relevant Dropbox folder.

- **Learning Lab Reflection** - For those students that have yet to present a learning lab, you are now expected to complete an equivalent assignment that will require you to answer questions related to active learning strategies and presentation delivery. Students are expected to use their specific learning labs to answer the questions. The grade for this assignment will replace the learning lab, but only for those students that have not yet presented their learning lab. The deadline to complete this assignment is April 1st at 11:30PM. **This is an individual assignment.** Specific assignment instructions will become available on Avenue by March 21st.

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 and will be clearly communicated to you. Please also visit [https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/](https://covid19.mcmaster.ca/) for up-to-date university information.

Best wishes and stay healthy,

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