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Dear Science Student,

We are looking forward to welcoming you back for selected lab activities this term. I am writing to provide some information about how your return to campus will work, since of course it will look a little different from the last time you were on campus.

Before you leave home:

You will need to complete the “pre-screening questionnaire” on Moodle or via email each day prior to coming to campus. Completion of this questionnaire is required in order to participate in on-campus activities and you will be asked to leave if you have not completed it.

Prepare for your class: have your lab manual or handouts printed (the library is closed and computer lab access is limited), bring snacks and water if needed (the cafeteria and some water fountains are closed), and have your lab goggles, lab coat, pencils, calculator and/or any other necessary supplies with you (the bookstore is closed other than online orders). Complete any pre-lab readings and/or assignments indicated by your instructor, as you may be conducting multiple lab activities in one session and will need to be focused and prepared in order to get everything done. Please bring a face covering to wear in class.

Arriving on campus:

Plan to arrive on campus no more than 15 minutes before the start of your class.

Look for signage indicating which entry doors to use when you arrive on campus, as some doors will be locked. Bring your VCC student ID; if you do not have VCC ID, have another form of photo ID and proof of enrollment ready to show security if asked.

Double check the room number your instructor has provided; your class will likely be split into multiple classrooms in order to allow for safe distances between students, so you may be in a different room from your classmates. If your classroom is locked when you arrive, please wait in the hallway while maintaining a 2m distance from other students. Classrooms and equipment are being cleaned and disinfected in between groups of students, so we appreciate your patience.

In the classroom:

When you enter the room, please wash your hands at a designated handwashing sink and then proceed to a lab bench/work table. Furniture has been arranged to maintain safe distances between students, so it may look a little different from what you remember! Your classroom may now be equipped with one-way arrows to direct traffic, and designated entrance and exit doors – please read and follow the signs to help keep everyone safe.

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Unless otherwise instructed, you will work individually and no equipment will be shared between students. You may wear your own non-medical mask if you prefer to do so, but masks will not be provided. Gloves will be provided when we would normally use them, e.g. for dissections. Your lab bench will be supplied with disinfectant (either wipes or a spray bottle and paper towel) so that you can wipe down your own station before beginning your work (it has already been sanitized prior to your arrival, but this is an extra layer of protection). You will repeat this at the end of class as well. Please follow all safety instructions given in class. Your instructor and the lab staff are working hard to ensure the safety of everyone involved, and to make sure that the lab runs as smoothly as possible. When you leave the room, please wash your hands at a designated handwashing sink.

If you cannot attend:

If you have any cold/flu/covid-19 symptoms, or have been in contact with anyone with suspected or confirmed covid-19, or have travelled outside of Canada in the last 14 days, do not come to campus. Email your instructor to discuss when and how you will be able to make up the lab; if it is not possible to complete it during the term, you may be issued a temporary “incomplete” grade until you are able to make up the missed activities.

If you have any questions or comments about COVID-19 safety procedures, returning to campus for labs, or any other matters related to the Science department, please feel free to contact me at jekelly@vcc.ca.

Thank you,

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