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[Staff] UM-Flint Classroom Emergency Preparedness

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Dear Colleagues;

As we begin a new academic year, it is important that we take a moment to emphasize our commitment to health and safety here at the University of Michigan-Flint. Our community is a busy and active environment; keeping our students, faculty, staff, visitors and vendors safe is of utmost importance. **Attached, please find the Classroom Emergency Preparedness document for UM-Flint instructional and supervisory staff**, one of several university resources outlining important guidelines relative to fire safety, severe weather, active aggressor/shooter, and medical emergencies, along with additional emergency preparedness resources.

You are encouraged to **review and become familiar** with emergency preparedness and response practices and procedures for our campus as well as within your specific unit. *Students look to faculty as **Leaders in the Classroom**, and therefore it is particularly **important that all instructional staff as well as supervisors are familiar with the campus emergency procedures.***

Important additions to our emergency preparedness efforts this year include preparations and response activities related to COVID-19. Specifically, comprehensive campus planning has been informed and directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Michigan as well as current public health guidance from University health experts and our experts at the Genesee County Health Department. The UM Flint Re-opening Team as well as so many faculty and staff member have been working together this summer on development/implementation of department and academic reopening plans for the summer and fall. **Campus COVID-19 information, updates and health and safety resources are linked at the UM-Flint Blueprint website:** <https://www.umflint.edu/blueprint>

You can reduce the spread of the virus as well as protect yourself, your family, your friends and our community by following these few important health and safety mitigation measures:

- Maintain a physical distance of at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Wear a face mask that covers the nose, mouth and chin when anywhere on campus including indoors, outdoors, and on university transportation.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. If unable to wash hands, use hand sanitizer.
- Complete the daily [UM health screen questionnaire](#) prior to arrival on campus.
- Stay home if you are sick or have been exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19. Seek medical attention if you develop a fever, other symptoms and/or test positive for COVID-19.

IMPORTANT - Employees report COVID-19 illness by completing the [Employee Reporting Illness form](#), calling UM Occupational Health Services (OHS) at 734-764-8021 (select prompt 1) and notify UM- Flint HR and EHS by email UMF-COVID-Employee-Reporting@umich.edu Do not come to campus until you receive further instructions.

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, choosing shelter locations or sheltering in place may present unforeseen challenges while preparing and responding to an emergency. To mitigate the risk of COVID-19 to the campus

community, building access has been changed from previous years and therefore, individuals should review and test their safety plans, especially since response may be different than in past years.

The University has developed several other detailed and informative emergency preparedness resources that are posted and readily available across the campus as well as viewable, downloadable from the EHS website:

http://www.umflint.edu/ehs/emergency-preparedness-and-response_

For more information on these and other emergency preparedness planning and response related topics, please visit the following websites and become familiar with the important role and responsibility you have during an emergency:

UM Flint – Environment, Health and Safety

<http://www.umflint.edu/ehs/environment-health-and-safety>

UM Flint – Department of Public Safety

<http://www.umflint.edu/safety/department-public-safety>

Specific questions related to emergency drills and procedures can be directed to Michael Lane, Director of Environment, Health and Safety at 810-766-6763 or mjlane@umich.edu.

We wish everyone a successful year and appreciate your attention to this important message as we work together to create and sustain a Campus Culture of Preparedness.

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