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**Subject:** Re-opening of Taubman Health Sciences Library Building

*\*\*\*\*This message is being sent to Medical Students, MSTP Students, the Office of Medical Student Education, and colleagues in the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, the Department of Learning Health Sciences, MS Facilities, HITS, and THSL Administration\*\*\*\**

Dear Medical Students -

We are pleased to share important information regarding the re-opening and use of the Taubman Health Sciences Library (THSL) Building by our Medical School educational community. This information is in accordance with the Provost Guidelines for Academic Facilities and the Medical School's Academic Re-entry Work Plan. As with many activities over the past 6 months, plans are fluid and may be adjusted based on a myriad of factors at the University and in the state of Michigan.

**The Taubman Health Sciences Library building is now open** to Medical School Students. When using these academic facilities, we ask that you abide by the following rules and policies:

- **Minimize your campus visits.** All academic work that can be completed remotely, should continue to be completed remotely.
- **Masks are required at all times** both inside our buildings and outside on our campus (medical campus and University of Michigan)
- Entrance to THSL/Med Sci II requires a **valid UMID and daily health attestation** via the ResponsiBLUE app: <https://responsiblue.umich.edu/>. Until further notice, the exterior doors to THSL remain locked and you will need to enter the complex through the Med Sci II level 3 or Buhl level 4 entrances.
- THSL small study rooms, small group study rooms, large group rooms, the quiet reading room, and the computer cluster on levels 5 and 6 are available to Medical School Students (MD/Grad/Postdoc) for coursework/study. **Students must scan the QR code outside the room and complete the associated survey** to register use of the room.
- When using small group study rooms (e.g. 5320 - 5380 THSL) or larger rooms, know that other students may join you up to the stated room occupancy. **Please work together to efficiently maximize the space within the stated occupancy limits (i.e. form a study pod when using larger rooms).**
- **The Medical School will be monitoring room usage and, if necessary, make modifications to the above scheduling processes** in support of student safety and study space needs.
- Academic Course/Academic Assessment **schedules will be posted on room doors to indicate when the room is reserved.**
- **All education spaces have been updated with signs and symbols to identify room capacity and to encourage physical distancing.** Please adhere to room headcounts and set-up. Do not move furniture out of rooms.

- **Students/Faculty/Staff may not eat or drink while attending any in-person scheduled class or lab activity.** Eating and drinking may be done in common spaces and study rooms while observing all other safety requirements. Masks may be removed while eating, but must be worn before and after. The JavaBlu cafe on level 4 is scheduled to open August 24 with reduced hours.
- **While THSL Operations and Space on level 4 remain closed,** you can continue to access assistance from THSL Informationists and library collections. Visit the [THSL website](#) for more information.
- **To report compliance concerns, contact U-M Ethics, Integrity, & Compliance at <https://compliance.umich.edu/report-a-concern/>.** You may also report concerns through your House Counselor, Student Council Class Advocate (or email [alimh@med.umich.edu](mailto:alimh@med.umich.edu)), or the OMSE general listserv address [omseanswers@umich.edu](mailto:omseanswers@umich.edu).
- **If there is an emergency, call 9-1-1.** To report building issues, such as a water leak, call Facilities & Operations at 734-647-2059.
- **No hosting (food) is permitted for meetings or events.** [Information for operating Recognized and Sponsored Student Organizations](#) is available through the Center for Campus Involvement.
- **The only animals allowed in our academic buildings are service animals.** These animals have to be licensed. Animals in training as service animals are excluded from this group.
- **Service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets.** The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA.
- **Use sanitizing wipes to clean surfaces before and after use.**
- **Practice good hand hygiene. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit of any room.**
- **If you believe you have been exposed to COVID-19 or are showing symptoms associated with COVID-19, refer to the [COVID-19 OMSE Student Services Response Plan for Medical Students](#) (insert link) found on the [Medical Student Gateway](#).**
- **Please note that, with the exception of specific activities, OMSE faculty and staff will continue to work remotely.** Please connect directly [with our team](#) via email or if you cannot find what you are looking for, message [omseanswers@umich.edu](mailto:omseanswers@umich.edu).