**To:** HSC Faculty, Staff and Students

**From:** Charles Taylor, Provost and EVP

**Date:** September 30, 2020

**Re:** Academic Update – October 2020

Fall is in the air! Just as seasons change, we change as well. I am so amazed with the resilience and adaptability of our students, faculty, and staff in response to the current reality of campus life during the COVID-19 pandemic. I’m reminded of a quote from Socrates, “The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.”

While things look and feel different these days, it is more important now than ever that we stay connected, inspired and support each other during these challenging times. I encourage you to reach out to your peers via email, a handwritten note, a quick phone call, etc. I really believe that personal touch will make a big difference in someone’s day. There are many ways to interact with one another while following the health and safety protocols. Mask up, distance yourself, and be safe!

Here’s an overview of what’s happening on campus in October:

**External Events – Early Voting in the EAD Atrium**

* October 13-17 8am – 5pm
* October 19-23 8am – 5pm
* October 24 7am – 7pm
* October 25 11am – 4pm
* October 26-30 7am – 7pm

**Peak Campus-Based Learning Days**

Following are dates when we anticipate a larger volume of people on campus involved with in-person learning activities. These will typically be broken into small group activities that report to rooms at scheduled times:

**Week One**

* Friday, October 2nd
	+ DO students: MET 1st and 4th floors, 1-5pm
	+ MD students: IREB 3rd Floor, 7am – 1:30pm
	+ PA students: EAD 4th/5th floors, 8am – 5pm; RES Anatomy, 11:30am – 3:40pm
	+ PT students: EAD 524 and 532, MET 510 and 520, 8am – 5pm
	+ Pharmacy students: RES 114 and 102, IREB 220, 260 and 270, 8am – 5pm

**Week Two**

* Tuesday, October 6th
* MD students: IREB 230, 240, 150, and 3rd Floor, 7am – 6:30pm
* PT students: EAD 524 and 532, MET 510 and 520, 8am – 5pm
* Pharmacy students: IREB 220, 260, and 270, 8am – 5pm
* PA students: RES Anatomy Lab, 1pm – 3pm
* DO students: MET 1st and 4th floors, 1pm – 5pm
* Wednesday, October 7th
	+ MD students: IREB 3rd Floor, 7am – 6:30pm
	+ PT students: EAD 524 and 532, MET 510 and 520, 8am – 5pm
	+ Pharmacy students: IREB 220, 260, and 270, 8am – 5pm
	+ PA students: RES Anatomy Lab, 10am – 12pm
	+ Career Services: MET 125, 12pm – 1pm
	+ DO students: RES Anatomy Lab, 1pm – 5pm; MET 1st/4th floors, 1pm – 5pm

**Week Four**

* Friday, October 23rd
* PA Students: RES Anatomy Lab, 8am – 5pm
* DO students: MET 109-111, and 124, MET 4th Floor, 7:30am -5pm

**Week Five**

* Monday, October 26th
* Pharmacy students: IREB 100, 8am – 5pm
* DO students: RES Anatomy Lab, 1pm – 5pm; MET 1st/4th Floors, 1pm – 5pm
* Wednesday, October 28th
	+ Pharmacy students: RES 102 and 114, IREB 220, 260, and 270, 8am – 5pm
	+ MD students: IREB 3rd Floor, 12pm – 6pm
	+ DO students: MET 1st/4th floors, 1pm – 5pm

  **The Lewis Library**

* The library will remain closed at this time. Library services will continue to be delivered online and updates regarding its reopening will be posted on the library website.
* In the interim, quiet study space will be available for student use from 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday in the following areas:
	+ EAD 108, RES 100, MET 124, IREB 250 (except October 6th)

**Flu Shots**

HSC Health will be offering free flu shots to employees and students throughout the month of October in the clinic and at “pop-up” locations across campus. Your health and safety are our main priority so masking and physical distancing will be enforced at all flu shot locations on campus.

**Employees**

* HSC Health Clinic - Beginning Monday, October 5, you can schedule an appointment to conveniently receive your flu shot in the clinic on campus at times that work best for you. Call Priority Care at 817.735.2273 or via online (link will be provided soon.)
* Pop-up Clinics -- You will be able to schedule your appointment online for the following days and times (link will be provided soon.)
* Friday, October 9: 1:30–4:45 pm in EAD 1st floor atrium
* Monday, October 12: 1–4:45pm in MET 1st floor
* **Please reserve the 4-4:45pm times for employees who work evening shifts.**
* Your insurance provider will be billed but there is no out of pocket cost to you.

**Students**

* HSC Health Clinic -- Beginning Monday, October 5, you can schedule an appointment to receive your flu shot in our clinic on campus at times that work best for you. Call Student Health at 817.735.5051.
* Pop-up Clinics -- You must register for your flu shot via the online links below:
* Friday, October 9: 10:30am--1:30pm in EAD Atrium, register [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F1s-i3tOzksNWVg_8P8gYrB9yFTnkrdYLcGobWgbr3PtA%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Gill%40unthsc.edu%7C5cc0050492e1467e830208d864b70940%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C637370084579105243&sdata=zOkOpLt1kuaqE9Ul8JZHhnSwbGXT4uMubYTjo6jZ3xE%3D&reserved=0)
* Monday, October 12: 10:30am–1 pm in MET 1st floor, register [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdocs.google.com%2Fspreadsheets%2Fd%2F1oMvphJ70i3MGcAizH881yOTeZ5s8gyf6Nr1BxMB9tUQ%2Fedit%3Fusp%3Dsharing&data=02%7C01%7CDana.Gill%40unthsc.edu%7C5cc0050492e1467e830208d864b70940%7C70de199207c6480fa318a1afcba03983%7C0%7C0%7C637370084579105243&sdata=cQ3399fGzpTNEvgugxpDwNEIyeN57UgFSJ6gk72lyIQ%3D&reserved=0)

**COVID-19 Updates**

* We now have a COVID-19 [**dashboard**](https://www.unthsc.edu/coronavirus/covid-19-cases-at-hsc/)tracking active cases at HSC that is updated every week. Due to privacy concerns, HSC can offer only limited case information.
* Beginning this week, you will receive an email every Monday from the HSC News Office with active HSC-related COVID-19 cases.
* When a positive case is reported, contact tracing is used to determine if/when the student or employee was last on campus and their interactions. Team members who have been in close contact with a positive case are notified and provided guidance.
* **Please report all positive or negative COVID-19 test results and potential exposures to****HSCCOVID@unthsc.edu.**
* Team members are encouraged to review the HSC [reopening plan](https://www.unthsc.edu/coronavirus/hsc-campus-reopening-plan/?utm_source=friendly&utm_content=worksafe) and [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.unthsc.edu/coronavirus/hsc-campus-reopening-plan/frequently-asked-questions/). These pages are continually updated with current information.

**Services and resources currently available:**

**Coursera Learning Management System for UNT System**

* We now can utilize UNT MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) for FREE through December 31, 2020.
* Provides access to approx. 3,800 non-credit courses that can be used as a great resource for high quality, supplemental content for our HSC online courses.
* [Courses](file:///Users/dlg0217/Documents/Documents%20-%20Pharm-301255/Provost%20Office/Courses) can be accessed at [**https://online.unt.edu/courseraforunt**](https://online.unt.edu/courseraforunt)**.**

**One University Studio**

* Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays by appointment only
* Email oneuniversitystudio@unthsc.edu for more information

**The Torched Apron**

* Located in the IREB, open Monday-Friday, 11am-1:30pm

**HSC Student Health Clinic**

* In-person and virtual patient visits are available Monday-Thursday
* Virtual patient visits only – available on Friday
* Call 817-735-5051 (student health)
* Call 817-735-CARE (employee health)

**HSC Food Pantry**

* Student Services Building, open Monday-Friday, 8am--5pm