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Thanks to IDT, You Have the Tools for Fall Teaching

In cooperation with CoP faculty coordinating the college's fall teaching efforts, the Instructional Design and Technology Team has developed an instructional toolkit that outlines a flexible set of instructional strategies and technologies that are applicable for hybrid, remote, and traditional teaching environments. The toolkit is intended as a general reference to support instructional planning for this fall and beyond. For more information, contact Russ Palmer or Katie Smith.

Supplies for Your Safe Return to Campus

UGA is making plans for our safe Return to Campus (RTC). Several items are being provided to facilitate our safety, including face coverings, thermometers, and desk side recycling and “side saddle” trash bins. The following summarizes the acquisition and distribution of these items.

- **Face Coverings:** UGA is providing two reusable and washable cloth face coverings for all students, faculty and staff at no cost. These will be distributed
to faculty and staff via your unit/department. Graduate students and student workers, along with all other students, will receive their face coverings through mail distribution later this month. Employees who returned during Phase I should already have received their face coverings.

- **Thermometers:** UGA is providing one digital thermometer to all students, faculty and staff at no cost. Thermometers will be distributed to faculty and staff via your unit/department. Graduate students and student workers, along with all other students, will receive their thermometers through mail distribution later this month.

- **Desk Side Recycling and “Side Saddle” Trash Bins:** UGA units will take responsibility for managing waste within their office environments to enable the Facility Management Department (FMD) staff to focus on cleaning and disinfecting restrooms and common areas. Employees will receive new desk side recycling and “side saddle” trash bins and must commit to emptying these receptacles into nearby common area bins each day.

For questions or concerns, contact Ashley Townsend or Toni Phelabaum.

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**Guidelines for Visitors to Campus**

Do you anticipate guests, visitors, vendors, contractors and suppliers to come by your office or the college when you return to campus? If so, please be aware that individuals who visit our campus are expected to comply with the following guidelines:

- Unscheduled meetings and visits to campus should be avoided;
- Visitors are strongly encouraged to wear cloth face coverings while on University property;
- Meetings with University personnel should be conducted virtually whenever
possible. If this is not possible, social distancing should be maintained;

• Visitors should not come to campus if they are feeling ill or exhibiting signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19.

More information about these expectations is available in UGA’s Plans for a Phased Return to Full Operations.

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**Essential Travel Update**

Until further notice, UGA faculty and staff are limited to essential business travel only, which requires the completion of a Travel Authority (TA) as a pre-approval for all essential travel (in-state and out-of-state) regardless of cost, level of reimbursement, or funding source. Blanket authorizations (up to one fiscal year) are available for employees with frequent and reoccurring in-state essential travel. For additional information, please reference the FAQs regarding these changes.

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**Town Hall Deemed A Success**

Almost 60 CoP faculty, staff, students, and guests participated in Friday’s “Town Hall on Racism: A Courageous Conversation.” Moderated by Dr. Vivia Hill-Silcott, Director of Diversity Programs and Academic Support, the panel included Dr. Brian Cummings, PBS Department Head; Dr. Henry Young, CAP Kroger Professor; and Dr. Anneliese Singh, Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity
and Inclusion at the Mary Frances Early College of Education. The panel responded to audience questions and offered their perspective on such critical issues as student inclusion, community protests, and our outlook on the future regarding this important topic. **Dean Kelly Smith** welcomed **Dr. Marie Chisholm-Burns**, a '92, '93 alumnae of the UGA College of Pharmacy and the Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Tennessee. Dean Chisholm-Burns called on her fellow participants to adopt an attitude of “**Radical Empathy**” in dealing with the current racial crisis in our country.

If you participated in "Town Hall on Racism: A Courageous Conversation," please complete [this brief survey](#) to help us prepare for future events.

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**Residents Commended with Celebratory Video**

Congratulations to the 20 residents who just completed their PGY1 and PGY2 residencies with UGA, along with AU Medical Center, St. Joseph’s/Candler Health System, and Phoebe Putney Health System! These rigorous programs allow residents to develop an expertise in direct patient care along with skills in teaching and scholarship. A video was created in celebration of these outstanding residents. Watch the video [here](#). (For a smooth playback without interruption or freezing, download the video first.)

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**PharmDawg Phriends Has Special Meaning**

What’s more *phun* than a blanket full of kittens?!?! These phour phurry phrisky phelines (*be honest – you've been missing all the PHs!*!) and their mama are being fostered by **Lillian Ballance**, our new Public Relations Coordinator, and her husband, Jeff. These precious PharmDawg Phriends are available for adoption through the [Athens-Clarke County Animal Services](#) (706-613-3540).
'Signs' Trivia Winners Announced!

Congrats to PharmDawg Music Buffs **Kim McKenzie**, Administrative Manager of CAP; Dr. **Rusty May**, Professor and Associate Department Head of our Extended Campus in Augusta; and **Robert Sharpe**, 4th year PharmD student in Albany, who were the winners of last week’s trivia contest in the Brief! The trio correctly guessed the name of the song "Signs," which has the popular lyrics "Signs, Signs, Everywhere A Sign," and was released by the Canadian group Five Man Electrical Band in 1970. They will receive a custom-designed PharmDawg Phace covering, being fashioned by our own **Donella Moore** in PBS.

Robert offered up a bit of music trivia about "Signs." According to Robert, "The name of the song is “Signs,” originally by the Five Man Electrical Band and released in 1970."
The version most people know is the live version covered by the 80’s two-hit wonder band (one hit if you don’t include “Signs”) called Tesla in 1990. Recently, it was spoofed on the show “Arrested Development.” An additional fun fact: the restaurant Harvest Moon, which I highly recommend if you visit the Albany campus, has an actual sign that reads “Long Haired Freaky People Need Not Apply.’” Thanks, Robert and congrats to our music trivia trio!

Resource Library

Student Resources

UGA Resources:

UGA Student Care and Outreach

UGA Resources (including food pantry, housing, health & wellness, etc.)

Food and Necessities

University Health Center Services

College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs:

Career Counseling – Dr. Danielle Vitale, 706-542-5150

PharmD Advising & Registration – Mr. David Evans, 706-542-0804

Student Counseling – Dr. Vivia Hill-Silcott, PhD, LPC, NCC, 607-275-6361

Emergency Funds:

College of Pharmacy (for all pharmacy students) - contact Dr. Duc Do for details

Student Care & Outreach (for undergraduate and PharmD students)

Graduate School Financial Hardship (for graduate students)

Disaster Distress Hotline:

The Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, is a 24/7, 365-day-a-year, national hotline dedicated to providing immediate crisis counseling for people who are experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human-caused disaster.

AFSP Mental Health:
The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention has compiled tools to help spread positive messages of hope, compassion, mental health care and suicide prevention

NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines

Student IT Support:
Continue to access the EITS Student Helpdesk

College of Pharmacy COVID-19 Resources
College of Pharmacy COVID-19 Resources and Information
COVID-19 FAQs for Pharmacists and Healthcare Professionals

UGA Resources
UGA COVID-19 Resources and Information
Critical UGA IT Services for Business Continuity
Continuity in Teaching and Student Support
Library Hours/Faculty and Student Resources
The Division of Academic Enhancement’s Distance Support Resources
UGA Research-Coronavirus
Staff and Faculty Wellness

Teaching Resources
Teaching and Learning Continuity at UGA
EITS status page (check status of IT Resources for Remote Teaching and Learning)
Contingency IT Resources at UGA
PharmDawg Guide to Zoom

COP Virtual IT Helpdesk (for emergency IT needs):
Join via Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/333252017
Direct call in – 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592, meeting ID 333 252 017
(For non-emergency needs, please continue to submit tickets here.)