Dear SPH Students,

We hope that autumn quarter is going well for you and that you have acclimated to in-person instruction without a hitch! For those of you who are just joining our community as new majors, welcome! Collaboration and being together in community are hallmarks of public health, our school, and our University. We are preparing for the winter quarter, taking all that we learned during the fall to have an ever-improving student experience in winter.

Similar to the autumn quarter, winter quarter classes will not by default be available for synchronous remote viewing or participation; therefore you should plan to attend your classes in person.

If you have circumstances limiting your ability to attend in-person classes regularly, you may request a DRS accommodation or a SPH Special Arrangement to take courses remotely during winter quarter without delay! Critical information about eligibility, instructions and deadlines for requesting accommodations and special arrangements is provided at the end of this communication.

You can do your part to maintain a healthy campus community by:

- Familiarizing yourself with the campus-wide mask policy and abide by it. As members of a School of Public Health, we value prevention and protecting the most vulnerable within our community.
- Familiarize yourself with the guidance put forth by UW Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) should you have or suspect a COVID-19 exposure, particularly this flowchart that summarizes key public health requirements and guidance.
- If you haven’t already, consider enrolling in WA Notify and the Husky Coronavirus Testing program.

If you have any questions, please see linked FAQ or reach out to Student and Academic Services by email at sphasu@uw.edu.

REQUESTING ACCOMMODATIONS
You may be eligible for an accommodation administered by the Disability Resources for Students (DRS) to take classes remotely if you are a student who is:

1. Immunocompromised, or
2. Experiencing other diagnosed physical or mental health conditions that preclude you from participating in class in person during winter quarter.

If you think you may qualify for any type of accommodation, visit Disability Resources for Students (DRS) and apply by completing the necessary steps as soon as possible.

If your request to DRS for accommodation is approved, DRS will directly notify your instructors (in addition to you) to let them know of your accommodation. Student and Academic Services in the SPH Office of the Dean (sphasu@uw.edu) your program director, or program student services advisor are all happy to be of assistance as you navigate the formal accommodation process.

REQUESTING SPH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS
You may be eligible for a special arrangement to remotely take classes offered by the SPH if you are an SPH student who is:

1. Living with someone who is immunocompromised, OR
2. Unable to travel to the US because you are unable to obtain a visa.

If you believe you may qualify for a special arrangement to take your SPH classes remotely, please complete and submit this FORM to the Student and Academic Services team in the Office of the Dean as soon as possible (ideally no later than December 8, 2021). If you have any questions, please reach out to Student and Academic Services by email at sphasu@uw.edu.

If your request to SPH for a special arrangement for remote learning is approved, we will notify both you and your instructors in SPH by email. SPH special arrangements are not campus-wide; they are only applicable to you as a matriculated student in the School of Public Health programs for the courses you are taking in the School of Public Health. The SPH Office of the Dean will not notify instructors outside SPH about special arrangements granted to you as other units/schools on campus do not necessarily have the same policies regarding special arrangements.

All the best,

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