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Dear Ridgetown Campus Horticulture and Environmental Management students,

I hope you have enjoyed your break-week! I wanted to provide you with an update on the winter 2021 semester and courses.

Following the move out of the stay at home order (Grey-Lockdown; restrictions to post-secondary institutions) on February 16, 2021, and the return to the COVID-19 response framework (Red – Control for Chatham-Kent), we will start face-to-face laboratory delivery of some courses for the Horticulture and the Environmental Management diplomas, starting the week of February 22nd, 2021, after the reading week. We will limit face-to-face labs to groups of 10 students. We feel it is important to provide practical skills learning opportunities to students.

Instructors will communicate with you, using email or the Announcement feature of CourseLink, to let you know their intentions for delivery. Do not hesitate to reach out to your instructor if you have any questions or concerns.

All lectures will remain online, either synchronous (learning happens in real time) or asynchronous (learning happens without the need for real-time interaction).

Ridgetown Campus continues to carefully plan for the changing winter semester. The University’s top priority remains the health and safety of our campus community. Daily completion of the U of G COVID-19 Screening Form will be required before coming to campus. The University’s COVID-19 website, and the Ridgetown Campus website provide essential information about U of G’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and safety protocols to follow.

The remainder of the winter 2021 semester will continue to require flexibility and perseverance. Thank you for your on-going commitment to your studies during this challenging time! We want to support you as much as possible and remind you to reach out to our student services for support as needed. We know the situation is not easy but making safe choices now can prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect your loved ones.
On a positive note, it is our intent to slowly and safely re-open the campus to have more staff and students on campus in fall 2021, with a significant degree of face-to-face course delivery if possible.

Stay safe and stay well!

Sincerely,

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