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Dear DLSPH Community,

By now you have likely seen the email from Trevor Young, Acting Vice-President & Provost, and Kelly Hannah-Moffat, Vice-President, People Strategy, Equity & Culture, announcing additional measures to limit the spread of the COVID-19 Omicron variant effective today, Dec. 16.

The vast majority of our classes will now be fully online for the month of January 2022. Please note that DLSPH classes begin Jan. 3, 2022.

Practicums will continue as planned. Students should discuss how they will participate in their practicum placement (remotely, in-person, hybrid) with their practicum supervisor. Students can reach out to their program director or practicum placement officer if they have any concerns about their placement after discussing with their practicum supervisor.

We had been planning a shift to some in-person classes, tutorials and possibly office hours for the Winter 2022 Term. It is our intention to proceed with a return to in-person classes and other activities as soon as it is safe to do so, in keeping with public health and U of T guidance.

I want to assure you that DLSPH senior leadership are closely monitoring public health guidance and that we will be in immediate contact with our entire community with any further plans or details about what the Winter 2022 Term will look like.

For the latest information on our Winter Term plans, our website <u>FAQs</u> and <u>live updates</u> are always up to date. I appreciate your patience as we work to make the best decisions for the health and safety of our entire DLSPH community.

And finally, I wish you a happy, healthy holiday season, filled with meaningful and safe connections with loved ones.

Sincerely,

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