

**April 13, 2017**

***This message is being sent on behalf of Dean Trevor Young to the Faculty of Medicine's Chairs' and Business Officers' listservs for distribution.***

***We remind department chairs and business officers to ensure that this message is disseminated widely to all members of their departments, including faculty, staff and students.***

Dear Members of the Faculty of Medicine,

As [announced yesterday](#), the remaining labs in the Medical Sciences Building (MSB) that had been closed have been re-opened following extensive testing. We are continuing to work with students, faculty and staff to ensure any remaining concerns are fully addressed. It is now understood how powder from asbestos abatement sites drifted to nearby spaces. As a result, we have developed additional protocols and procedures and we will ensure enhanced supervision of renovation sites in MSB. With these steps in place, we are now ready to resume renovations to MSB beginning on Monday April 17, 2017. You can expect to see crews in the building and construction notices posted. However, noisy work will only be done after-hours.

Thanks to the [LIFT project](#) and strategic investments by the Faculty of Medicine, we have a historic – and much needed – opportunity to align MSB's space with the current needs of our community. But, as anyone who has lived through a renovation will tell you, there are some difficult days before the benefits become a reality. Every effort will be made to ensure there are as few of those days as possible. We want to make certain your important and highly valued work in MSB is not interrupted while these renovations occur.

We will keep you apprised of our efforts to improve the learning and working environment in MSB. We have created a weekly newsletter that will update you on construction in the building, including identifying room numbers and the phases of construction. You can see the [first issue here](#). We encourage anyone who is interested in the MSB renovations to subscribe to this newsletter, which will be sent at the end of week and identify what will be occurring in the following week. [Click here](#) to add yourself to the subscriber list.

I understand these last few weeks have been a challenge. I want to assure you we're hearing your concerns and we are applying the lessons learned going forward. But I believe we are ready to proceed toward the promise of an improved MSB, together.

Sincerely,

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