

Temperature Reading at Teaching Lab Entry (Version of 8/22/20)

Dept. of Chemistry (DoC) received 5 no-touch thermometers for use in the following labs:

Lab 129, Dr. Bone & Dr. Bolon Chem2219, Chem2229

Labs 201 and 212, Dr. Woelk, Chem1319

Lab 141, Dr. Nam, Chem2510

Lab 142, Dr. Grubbs, Chem3510; Dr. Schuman, Chem4819; Dr. Wang Chem4619

Each thermometer needs 2 AA batteries. Batteries come in a box with each thermometer. DoC will keep spare batteries in the department office; see Magdalena Zawodniok in 104 Schrenk Hall.

Thermometers will be cleaned before and after use for a series of student entries. Disinfectant sprays and wipes will be available on Monday, 8/24 at the latest.

Each thermometer goes with a room. Instructor needs to manage the use. Instructor may delegate to GTA, but instructor remains responsible.

Rules guiding temperature-measurements:

-- Measurements are **mandatory**.

-- Measure at the door at time of entry. Use of floor tape is recommended to maintain physical-distancing and waiting line control.

-- Students refusing temperature measurement will have lab access denied and are referred to the DoC Chair for a mindful and confidential zoom conversation.

-- Student presenting with high temperature (100.4 F or more) will have lab access denied, are referred to health office, and reported to the DoC Chair.

Lab 129, Dr. Bone & Dr. Bolon: “We plan to keep the thermometer and disinfecting wipes in the wooden desk in the lab so it is available to whoever is doing the scanning for a section. We plan to set up screening in the hallway by the ice machine. As I intend to be there for all sections I don’t know that there will necessarily be a hand-off. We will keep the thermometer in a designated drawer that we both have access to so that on the off chance one of us is not there at the beginning of a section, the other one can monitor the students. We will probably need to tape the floor outside the lab in order to maintain proper social distancing while the students are waiting to get tested. Do we need to get approval from anyone to place tape on the floor? Or have we received any social distancing floor stickers that we may use?”

Lab 142, Drs. Grubbs, Schuman and Wang: “The Biochem/Polymer/Analytical sections will keep the thermometer in an unlocked common drawer in 142 and disinfect it before and after use and return it to the common drawer. TAs will disinfect the working areas after use. The thermometer is located in a drawer on the PCHEM side without a lock that is labeled IR thermometer.”

Labs 201 and 212, Dr. Woelk, Chem1319: “We have empty drawers in both labs that can be used to store the thermometers. The instructors of the lab sections need to screen students before they enter the lab at any lab meeting.”

