Memorandum

To: Provost and Chief Academic Officers
From: Paula K. Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Articulation and Transfer
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Subject: Teaching of Transfer Assurance Guide (TAG) and Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) Natural Sciences Laboratory Courses during Fall Term 2021

After discussions with the TAG and OTM Natural Sciences faculty leads, the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network Oversight Board, and with challenges of COVID-19 still being a reality for Fall Term 2021, the following waiver for Natural Sciences Laboratory Courses will continue to apply: If students are not able to meet in-person for their Natural Science Lab requirement due to COVID-19 and capacity issues, the policy of not requiring in-person or hybrid natural science labs for OTM courses and TAG courses will still be in effect for Fall Term 2021. The Organic Chemistry TAG faculty highly recommend in-person lab experience, if possible.

The last communication regarding this matter indicated that for Fall Term 2021, students should meet-in-person for their natural sciences lab requirements for OTM and TAG courses if students are back to attending classes in-person. Since most institutions have finalized their class schedules and COVID-19 is still a factor, the waiver for the TAG and OTM Natural Sciences Laboratory Requirement is still in place for Fall Term 2021.

Despite the continued availability of this COVID-19-related accommodation for Fall Term 2021, the TAG and OTM Natural Sciences faculty leads want to emphasize the importance of in-person laboratories and are hopeful that institutions will be able to safely offer this type of educational opportunity for their students as soon as is practicable.