

Hello AP Bio students! I hope you are well and practicing your social distancing! ☺

I just wanted to post a quick update on AP testing as well as plans for moving forward over the next month.

The College Board still plans to offer AP tests in early May, but all tests will be offered online for students to take on their own. The AP Bio test will be time-limited at 45 minutes, and will include NO multiple choice questions – it will be solely free-response questions (not sure how many yet). The College Board has also decided to only test students on the material / topics / units that schools would have been expected to cover by mid-March...**GREAT NEWS!** So, for AP Biology, that is **“UNITS 1-6” from the AP Biology Curriculum Guide**. These units coincide to our first “7” units...up through Biotechnology, which we had just finished **before** starting Evolution! **The units, as they appear in the AP Curriculum Guide, are as follows:**

UNIT 1: Biochemistry; Chemistry / Properties of Water

UNIT 2: Cells; Cell Structures (Organelles); Cell Processes & Transport (Cell Membrane, Diffusion, Osmosis)

UNIT 3: Cellular Energetics (Enzymes, Cellular Respiration, Photosynthesis)

UNIT 4: Cell Signaling; Cell Cycle & Mitosis; Cancer

UNIT 5: Meiosis; Genetics (Mendelian, Non-Mendelian)

UNIT 6: Molecular Basis of Heredity (DNA; Replication; Protein Synthesis; Gene Expression; Biotechnology)

Here is a link to the College Board webpage with all information and updates regarding AP testing:

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/about-ap/news-changes/coronavirus-update>

So, my plan, beginning next week (March 30 – April 3) will be to start providing lessons and review activities for you all. I will be using a combination of **Google Classroom**, as well as the **“AP Classroom”** that we all used at the beginning of the school year to “sign up” and “join” a class – which also registered you for the exam. You should already have the AP Classroom account, as you all joined the class (by period) last September. **So, one thing you can to get ready for that, is to find your login information and try to login using the College Board site using the link below (go to link, and then click on yellow box that says “Sign in to AP Classroom.”**

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/ap-biology/course>

I will also be creating a **Google Classroom** for each period and will be posting review items and activities there (lectures that we completed throughout the school year, study guides for each unit we’ve completed, practice AP tests from past years, links to podcasts / tutorials / etc.). **So, look out for an email with a code to join your appropriate Google Classroom, by period, early next week!**

In the meantime, another thing you could do is organize your notes and papers from the units I’ve listed above (if you’ve kept them!). I know many of you have made flash cards and/or quizlets for these units, so it would also be a great idea to locate those and start reviewing.

Know that I will do everything I can from my end to help you all prepare! When (if?) we return in late April / early May, we will continue with our prep for the AP Bio test (May 11), and then we will finish up our Evolution unit and then get into some Ecology topics before the end of the year! ***I miss you all and hope you are doing well and hanging in there during this crazy crazy time!***

Sincerely,
Ms. Monson