Laboratory Coordinator Comments:

All hybrid/face-to-face lab sections will be spread out across rooms 361 and 362 for PHYS:1702.

All students should wash their hands when they enter/leave lab. All rooms except 361 have their own sink and soap dispenser. Students going to 361 should briefly enter 362 to wash their hands and then go into 361. If the soap dispensers start looking low, let me know so I can refill them. These are not filled by facilities, so we have to keep an eye on it ourselves. There are more paper towels in these storage rooms: 262A, 261, and 355. You can get more paper towels yourselves as needed.

The usual lab laptops are available for student use. If, however, students would prefer to use their own laptops so as to not touch computers used by other students, that is fine. We won’t be using LoggerPro or any other lab specific software this semester. The only thing their personal laptops would need is a web browser to access ICON and one of the following for filling out their worksheets:

- Word (or some other word processor that can edit Word docs, such as OpenOffice, LibreOffice, etc.)

- The ability to fill in the PDF version of the worksheets (the free Acrobat Reader may allow this, some browser extensions do, and any paid version of Adobe software certainly does)

All of your labs will be using lab kits (A multimeter box and a ziplock bag of components). Since your students will be coming to lab in person, they will receive their lab kits on the first day of lab. They will take their lab kits home with them after lab and will be expected to bring them to lab each week. At the end of the semester all components of the kits are theirs to keep, as they paid for them with course fees. In addition, since they will be coming to lab in person, we’re going to give each of them 2 AA batteries for their kits which students in the online sections would be expected to provide for themselves. You will be responsible for distributing the kits and batteries. The lab kits and batteries for each course are in the following locations:

- PHYS:1702 - Lab kits are on the back bench of 362 VAN. The batteries are in the small drawer in the instructor’s station in 362 VAN (directly below the CPU).
If for some reason you need more kits than what are in the locations above, we have more than enough extra kits on the carts in 261 VAN.

I’ve ordered a bunch of extra Phillips screwdrivers as the students will need them to put batteries in the multimeters. They are supposed to arrive by Friday. I hope to have them in the lab rooms by Monday afternoon at the latest. The plan is to have a screwdriver at each lab station. The students do not get to keep and/or take the screwdrivers with them. They are to remain at the lab station for students in other lab sections to use.

At the end of lab students should spray and wipe down their lab stations (bottles of Fantastik and paper towels are in each room). The heavy-duty blue shop towels are best for this, but when they run out you will have to use standard tri-fold towels. I tried to order more of the blue ones, but with our COVID cleaning supplies request the university substituted in the cheaper, low quality towels instead. They should also sanitize the screwdrivers and carefully sanitize the departmental laptops if they use them. They should also wash their hands when they leave.