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***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 Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, I want to ensure you receive a weekly summary of activities as we work to address concerns of asbestos in the Medical Sciences Building. In addition, Professor Scott Mabury, Vice President, University Operations, will be sending messages related to operational activities in MSB that will be of interest to you. We will ensure these messages are distributed and will be posted to [www.uoft.me/msb](http://www.uoft.me/msb), which serves as an information hub for this issue.

Also, given the prominence and broad interest in this subject, we want to ensure all students, faculty and staff in the Faculty of Medicine are aware of our efforts to address asbestos in MSB. Therefore, we are now sending these updates to all departments, not just those present in MSB.

With that said, here is the information that has been shared or updated over the past week...

1. A new [story has been published](#) on the University's homepage today that reports on air testing in MSB that found it is "safe for general occupancy."
2. Site visit reports by inspectors from the Ministry of Labour (MOL) are now available to view on the [EHS website](#) in addition to being posted on the Safety Board in MSB on the second floor by the main elevators. To date, the MOL has not issued any directives to the University. Therefore, except for those specific rooms which the University has decided to keep closed temporarily, out of an abundance of caution for further assessment, all operations and activities in MSB are expected to continue.
3. The FAQ on the [EHS website](#) has been updated to include information on faculty, staff and student safety, references to work refusal processes, faculty responsibilities, photos of asbestos powder and explanations of testing methodologies.
4. The co-chairs of the Faculty of Medicine's MSB Joint Health and Safety Committee sent a [message to MSB occupants](#) about the steps they've taken on this issue.

We will continue to send updates as new information becomes available.

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