Hello Class.

A lot has changed. I seriously hope you are all well. I want to tell you about how the class has changed. As of last week the Department of Psychology prohibited face to face testing. So we are moving everybody’s experiments over to PsychoPY. You will learn a lot about PsychoPY next week. It is really perfect for this class. It is designed to do exactly what you all are doing. And you can run PsychoPY experiments online at Pavlovia.org. You can run 50 participants for $12.43. Taylor and I have been creating experiments and running them online all last week. I am never going back to Superlab.

The grading system for the course has changed. Because you only had time to do one class project, that part is now 15% instead of 30%. Because you only took 2 exams instead of 4 that part is now 10% instead of 20%. So now the project is worth 75%. The focus of the class has also changed. It is now more about resiliency and overcoming everything that is in our way and getting experiments up and running on line.

We will having our first class meeting on Zoom on Monday 3/30 at 1:00. Attendance is required. Class is not going to last 2 hours. We will do a PsychoPY tutorial and discuss how best to move forwards. Taylor has put links to all the resources you will need on the class webpage. These resources include getting Zoom, getting PsychoPY, and links to a few PsychoPY tutorials. These tutorials are really good. We are also adding more structure to the class, and you will find dates on the website that things have to be done by. We have a month to do everything and I think that will be fine. A little before our meeting on Monday I will send out the meeting ID and password to your email.

New Grading Scheme

getting experiment running in PsychoPY – 20%

getting experiment up on Pavlovia.org and collecting a lot of data – 20%

analyzing data, giving talk, writing paper- 35%

Some of you already have data. This is great because it will allow us to determine if data quality goes down online.