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Dear OSE students taking the 2020 qualification exam,

We hope you have a nice Labor Day weekend.

Per Dr. Cavallo, the OSE Fall 2020 Qualification Exam take place on Saturday, September 12, 2020 - Sunday, September 13, 2020. Attached please find the Fall 2020 OSE Qualification Exam Schedule. All exams will take place in CHTM, Room 101.

The OSE program will provide:

- Test Booklets
- Scratch Paper
- An Equation Sheet
- Hand Sanitizers
- Disposable Surgical Masks

Students should bring the following:

- A scientific calculator - **calculators on your cell phone are not allowed**
- A pen or pencil
- A sack lunch and snack (to eat outside socially distanced or inside your cars)

Items prohibited during the exam:

- Cell phones
- Laptops
- Textbooks
- Class notes, previous exams and solutions, & your own equation sheet.

Exam Postponement:

If any student wants to postpone their Fall 2020 exams until August of 2021 and add an extra year to the exam clock, then you will need to send me an email to dorisw@chtm.unm.edu. Also, if any student has COVID-19 symptoms on the day of the exam and needs to postpone the

exam until 2021, then they should send me an email the day of the exam. We need to have a timely documented record that shows you requested the exam to be postponed.

(Added 9-8-20 for clarification) Per the OSE General Chair, under the COVID-19 exam provision, you **cannot** splice the exams by taking one or more exams this fall and defer the rest of the exams for next year with an additional year added to the exam clock. To clarify, once a student appears for one subject (ex: general optics) an attempt is recorded for all subjects. There is no allowance for two attempts per subject but rather the student is allowed to sit for the OSE quals twice and that is it. In short, the COVID-19 provision is a binary choice you can either postpone all of your exams scheduled for the Fall 2020 for next year with an additional year added to the exam clock OR you can take all of your exam scheduled Fall 2020 exams this weekend.

Thank you again for your flexibility and understanding.

Best wishes on your exam,
The OSE Program