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Subject: Update on Group Study & Med Ed Center Rooms

Dear Students,

Firstly, thank you for all your feedback on ways we might improve our time here at UVM.

Recently, we considered how to address feedback regarding the use of [our study spaces](#). Inevitably, we all have different preferences for a conducive study environment, so we considered creating a system to communicate whether a room is in-use for silent-study or group-study via a color-coded flagging system. However, after fielding additional student feedback and further discussion, we've decided not to move forward with the flagging system. Instead, as considerate and caring members of LCOM who define being Second to None, we believe that everyone is capable of sharing the spaces. However, students may benefit from a few simple reminders regarding space-sharing etiquette, especially as the 2nd years begin approaching Step 1 studying:

As a reminder, Med Ed Center rooms on both the 200 and 300 level are shared spaces for studying; with [a limited number of rooms](#), we would like to encourage more than one individual per room.

Tips on approaching sharing study spaces:

- Politely ask to join individuals who are using study rooms
- Establish whether the room is being used for quiet or group study and be respectful of wishes
- Be respectful of quiet study by using headphones, muting cell phones, and limiting conversation within the study room as not to distract others

Lastly, we are always open to new ideas and feedback regarding ways to improve your medical student experience. Without your feedback, we would not have known to implement changes such as providing all Med Ed rooms with adaptors to connect our surface pros to the projecting monitor, to provide student access to showers in HSRF, to provide gloves for anatomy lab, or to even retune the piano in the student lounge. **Please feel free to [provide us with any additional ideas for improvement](#).**

We look forward to continuing our advocacy on the student community's behalf.

Thank you,
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