SENT FROM DR. BEAT STEINER, SENIOR ASSOCATE DEAN FOR MEDICAL STUDENT EDUCATION,

ON MARCH 12, 2020 TO ALL CLASSES IN THE MD PROGRAM

Dear student colleagues,

These are challenging and rapidly changing times. We continue to do our best to communicate accurate and up to date information. As you know our recommendations have to be consistent with University and Health System guidelines. We do have unique circumstances given the clinical nature of our training that is sometimes not captured fully in general announcement to all University students. This update is in response to the recent announcement by the Chancellor about extending spring break (email attached at the bottom of my email). It is important for you to remember that these guidelines are being formulated by leaders in the field of infection control and that a uniform response is a key feature of an effective public health response. It is also important for you to remember that we are weighing carefully your personal safety, the care of patients, and your medical training. As the effect of COVID19 shifts the effect on each of these areas (for example greater shortage of PPE, higher local prevalence of COVID19) we will quickly re-evaluate our plans. We also understand that your individual circumstance and response will vary. This outbreak has deeply unsettled many. Please reach out anytime to any of us or use resources listed below and on our website. https://www.med.unc.edu/md/student-services/student-services/frequently-requested-resources/

We have broken the update down by class but sending all students and faculty the same update so everyone is on the same page

Class of 2020:

- Our current plan is to reserve multiple rooms for Match celebrations, but we are watching the situation closely and are making contingency plans for a virtual celebration.
- Just to reiterate, all other Match related celebrations will be cancelled, postponed or moved to a virtual format. For example, Gala will be postponed, and Pearl's Day is being modified to be a virtual experience.
- All in-person sessions are cancelled, including Bootcamps. TTR leaders will communicate virtual options. Please sign up for Webex (we will send instructions separately). Monday's planned service activities will be voluntary as outlined by Johanna's email yesterday.
- As of now, students with Block 14 rotations required for completing your graduation requirements are expected to complete that rotation. We will monitor this situation carefully and communicate any changes. These rotations cannot be completed outside the state of North Carolina per the Chancellor's message on 3/11/2020. Clinical rotations are subject to the availability of PPE.
- Any student who has had an away rotation cancelled for Block 14 should contact IndivPhaseSchedules@med.unc.edu to schedule an alternate rotation.

- For students with preexisting conditions or personal concerns that may require an individualized study plan, please contact Georgette Dent, Alice Chuang or Elizabeth Steadman in Student Affairs.
- The Office of Student Affairs will be available during SOAP week and will coordinate with any students that need assistance.
- Counseling is available to all students by walking into Counseling and Psychological Services during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or after hours, by calling 919-966-3658 to access a support line staffed by mental health professionals. Additionally, Alli Schad with UNC SOM Wellness, can provide counseling support.
- Many staff will be working virtually, so please email the Office of Medical staff member and you will receive a prompt reply.

Class of 2021:

- As of now, students should continue their clinical rotations. These rotations cannot be completed outside the state of North Carolina per the Chancellor's message on 3/11/2020. Clinical rotations are subject to the availability of PPE. We will monitor this situation carefully and communicate any changes. Didactic sessions, including SHS4, will transition to virtual meetings and in the transition will not exceed 50 in person participants. Your course directors will communicate more specific instructions. Please sign up for Webex (we will send instructions separately).
- Per the Chancellor's guidelines, students are not able to participate in University-related travel outside North Carolina, which includes travel for taking Step 2 CS. We will be flexible with the current policy of students requiring Step 2 CS by Nov 1.
- Students who are currently scheduled for educational experiences outside North Carolina through Block 2 will not be permitted to attend.
- CPX exams are currently suspended. If you are currently schedule for an upcoming CPX, you will be contacted for rescheduling.
- For students with preexisting conditions or personal concerns that may require an individualized study plan, please contact Georgette Dent, Alice Chuang or Elizabeth Steadman in Student Affairs.
- Counseling is available to all students by walking into Counseling and Psychological Services during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or after hours, by calling 919-966-3658 to access a support line staffed by mental health professionals. Additionally, Alli Schad with UNC SOM Wellness, can provide counseling support.
- Many staff will be working virtually, so please email the OME staff member and you will receive a prompt reply.

Class of 2022:

- As of now, students will continue on clinical rotations at all sites in North Carolina. We will monitor this situation carefully and communicate any changes. These rotations cannot be completed outside the state of North Carolina per the Chancellor's message on 3/11/2020. Clinical rotations are subject to the availability of PPE. Didactic sessions, including SHS4, will transition to virtual meetings and will not exceed 50 participants. Your course directors will communicate more specific instructions. Please sign up for Webex (we will send instructions separately)

- We are working to clarify how NBME shelf exams and OSCES will be administered.
- For students with preexisting conditions or personal concerns that may require an individualized study plan, please contact Georgette Dent, Alice Chuang or Elizabeth Steadman in Student Affairs.
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- Many staff will be working virtually, so please email the OME staff member and you will receive a prompt reply.

Class of 2023:

- The University has stated that all classes, including those in the Foundation Phase, will have a 1-week Spring Break and classes will begin virtually Match 23, 2020. This will provide instructors increased opportunity to effectively prepare for a virtual learning environment, which includes assessments. We will work to clarify what this will mean for the remainder of Foundation Phase scheduling. Foundation Phase instructors will be in touch with information on how to take part in these virtual classes.
- You already received an email yesterday from me to set up a Webex account. Please do so now, if you have not yet).
- Foundation Phase electives will now also be virtual; your course directors will communicate more specific instructions.
- To maximize social distancing, we recommend that student organizations meet virtually.
- For students with preexisting conditions or personal concerns that may require an individualized study plan, please contact Georgette Dent, Alice Chuang or Elizabeth Steadman in Student Affairs.
- Counseling is available to all students by walking into Counseling and Psychological Services during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday or after hours, by calling 919-966-3658 to access a support line staffed by mental health professionals. Additionally, Alli Schad with UNC SOM Wellness, can provide counseling support.

Your colleague Beat and fellow educators