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Thank you for all your patience and flexibility as the world responds to COVID-19. We understand that this has been a trying and confusing time for many and wanted to take a moment to provide some additional information, with the understanding that this is a very dynamic and rapidly changing situation.

I apologize for the length of the attached document, however appreciate you taking the time to review it. I hope we have captured all of your current questions and concerns, however if not, certainly feel free to reach out to us. We will provide additional information about travel back to Vermont from international or domestic locations as we get closer to your expected clinical re-entry.

We miss you and I hope to schedule a class town hall in the near future.
Stay safe and well,
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Thank you for all your patience and flexibility as the world responds to COVID-19. We understand that this is a trying and confusing time for many and wanted to take a moment to provide some additional information, with the understanding that this is a very dynamic and rapidly changing situation.

Please know that as we navigate the impact of COVID 19 on medical education, our goal is to ensure that our students meet their medical education requirements and that the class of 2022 is fully prepared and ready to enter the Advanced Integration level in the Spring of 2021. Although the year ahead may look different for your class than it has for previous classes, there is some flexibility to modify the Clerkship level to keep you enrolled in non-clinical course work until students are able to reenter the clinical environment.

In alignment with recommendations put forth by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) and the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), the clinical climate at our affiliate health care organizations, the Governor’s Stay Home Stay Safe mandate, and the President’s recent announcement to extend physical distancing we will need to further delay medical student entry into the clinical environment. To limit the amount of time students are delayed entry into clinical clerkships, the current plan for the Class of 2022 is below. Given the need to balance the health and safety of all students and the public, this plan could change and result in a later start date. We have attached a preliminary calendar with the expected start date.

Currently the class of 2022 is doing one of the following options: (3/16/20-4/10/20)

1. Studying for Step 1
2. Doing a Medical Spanish course
3. Doing a Covid-19 Public Health Reading Month
4. Doing a scholarly project month

Starting Monday 4/13/2020 the plan is as follows:

- Week of 4/13/20: Potential Week of Remote Telehealth training (Work in Progress)
- Week of 4/20/20: Remote Clerkship Orientation Bridge
- Week of 4/27/20: Remote Bridge week curriculum
- Week of 5/11/20: Start Rotation 1 of the clerkship year, hopefully in person

This situation is constantly evolving and there is an inherent level of uncertainty when we try to plan around this. We will have to reevaluate as things change, though we will try to keep you as up to date as possible throughout this process.

It is possible that on 5/11, students at the LIC, CT Campus, and with clerkship rotations at Porter, CVPH, and RRMC will not be able to enter the clinical environment at those sites. If this is the case, we are aware questions will arise around clinical placement and housing. Although we do not have answers to these questions currently, we are preparing for this possibility and hope to have additional information in the coming weeks. In the meantime, feel free to schedule a drop in with our Assistant Deans to address your questions and concerns.
For now, during the remote portion of the curriculum, we encourage you to stay home and stay safe wherever you have the best support system. You do not need to think about leaving that safe space yet and we will let you know at least two weeks prior to the start of the clinical curriculum if the remote curriculum will be extended further and you may stay put.

We know this is challenging and that uncertainty can be stressful. Please know that the medical student services team remains available to all of you for advice and support. We encourage you to contact us with any questions (StudentCOMServices) or to sign up for a drop in meeting (see links below) with any of us. Thank you again for your patience and understanding throughout all of this. Take care of yourselves and continue taking care of each other.

With gratitude,
Christa Zehle, MD and the Clerkship Team

Sign up for a Drop-in Meeting:
- Dean for Medical Education
- Deans for Students (preclinical, clinical, CT Campus)
- Director of Academic Achievement
- Director of Learning Environment
- Director of Student Wellbeing
# Class of 2022

## Clerkships: May 2020 - March 2021

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Exams are held on end dates

### Clerkship Exam Remediation Dates

As of 4/1/2020: Subject to revision

Please see the Clerkship Holidays and Vacations Policy for details regarding observance holidays.