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Wednesday Weekly Wonders

Dear Students,

Happy Wednesday! It's amazing how Vermont can go from winter to summer in a matter of weeks ☺ I hope you are all enjoying the warmer weather and finding ways to stay cool! Included please find general information, class specific information and some FAQs.

Class of 2020:

- We miss you and wish you all the best on your next adventure! Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your medical education journey!

Class of 2021

- OMSE and clinical colleagues have worked diligently to prepare the clinical environment to resume educational activities on June 1, 2020! A shout out to Drs. Eldakar-Hein, Everett, Wong, all the Course Directors and Advanced Integration coordinators, including Emma!
- Please [review these instructions from Emma on completing the Clinical Activities Checklist prior to engaging in clinical care.](#)
- **Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO):** The Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) reopened for students today on Wednesday, May 27th at 9 a.m. ET. Students now have access to VSAS. Please visit the [VSLO Program Coronavirus FAQs](#) to learn about program changes that may affect you. Virtual rotations will be offered through VSLO and are not part of rotations recommended to be limited by the Coalition. Please see the UVMLarnerMed Medical Student Handbook Policy [2010.00 - Away Electives \(Temporary Policy\)](#) that will be posted in the Medical Student Handbook later this week.
- Information about specialty specific guidelines, including newly added [Surgery](#), [Psychiatry](#) and [Radiation Oncology](#) guidelines, can be found on the [AAMC Specialty Response to COVID-19](#) webpage.
- **USMLE Step 2 Clinical Skills exam** suspended for the next 12-18 months ([USMLE Step 2 CS announcement and FAQs](#))

Class of 2022

- OMSE and clinical colleagues continue to work diligently to prepare the clinical environment to resume co2022 clinical activities on July 13th. Please note that with the current schedule you are expected to begin face-to-face activities on July 6, 2020 and will need to comply with state quarantine guidelines. A shout out to Drs. Everett, Wong, all of the Clerkship Directors and the Clerkship coordinators, including Jacqueline and Audree!
- Vacation updates:
 - o Thank you for providing your input regarding your summer vacation options. This is a complicated issue due to state quarantine guidelines and medical education schedules. Please know that we are exploring options and decisions made will have students best interest, health and wellbeing in mind. Additional information will be forthcoming from Dr. Everett in the next few days.

- **FAQs submitted by student leadership:**
 - Would you be able to explain the quarantine rules and how they affect student's vacation plans?
 - **All students are expected to comply with the state quarantine guidelines** (see Quarantine update in All students section)
 - Could you explain the 14-day quarantine? There was talk originally of the 7-day quarantine + PCR, but now it got changed to just the 14-day quarantine- could you explain why?
 - **These are state guidelines made by the Governor. The Governor decided to return to the prior 14-day quarantine guidelines.**

Also: there was general confusion around how CT now has a 14-day quarantine- if you could include a little blurb about that, that would be helpful.

 - **The state of CT implemented a 14-day quarantine for out-of-state visitors to CT.**
 - Student Leadership Council also wanted me to pass along that maybe it would be beneficial to students to include a small note about how OMSE is weighing options over students going home for holidays.
 - **The University and OMSE are carefully considering options for the holidays and how that might impact the education programs as well as travel across state lines.** This may include moving to remote learning for a designated period of time and extending the time students are off campus. Please be aware that the medical education program differs from the undergraduate curriculum and we need to factor these differences into the decision making.
 - Will the timing of the Advanced integration lottery change?
 - **At this time, we have not made any adjustments to the Advanced Integration lottery schedule however that is certainly something that can be considered.** The Advanced Integration lottery typically runs in December/Jan. The class of 2022 will have completed 4 clerkships by December and 5 by mid-January which is one fewer than prior classes.

Class of 2023

- 3 weeks till summer – you got this!
- Students are in the 3rd and final block of Med Neuro called the Clinical Neuroscience block which will have many case-based sessions as well as integrative sessions for the pharmacology, pathology and neuroimaging.
- Our planning for a hybrid (on-campus in-person and remote online) instruction model for the fall continues. **Please check your email for a survey;** your input on how to make a hybrid model work the best is critical!
- Since you will be doing some of your curriculum remotely please consider the following when making your fall housing arrangements
 - Space that allows you to participate in Zoom calls
 - Space that allows you to study in a way that is productive for you
 - Adequate internet access
- Students will have their mandatory **Step 1 Intro** session this Friday at 3 pm where they will be provided recorded sessions about navigating the process from Dr. Rosen, Dr. Moynihan, Dr. Lounsbury, and Dr. Menon. The session will provide the opportunity to ask questions and dispel some of the myths around Step 1.

All students

- **Quarantine update** – Current state guidelines expect those coming to Vermont from out-of-state to quarantine for 14 days. This is a hot topic and additional information will be forthcoming from the State Health Commissioner early next week.
- **New Careers in Medicine (CiM) website** – check it out! The AAMC and Careers in Medicine team has launched a new and improved [Careers in Medicine \(CiM\) website](#) to offer valuable content for future physicians as they make one of the most important decisions of their medical school journey – choosing a specialty – and navigate the residency application and Match process. Among the new features, content is now organized and color-coded by the four-phase career planning model, making it easier for medical students to make a well-informed, confident specialty choice and [apply smart for residency](#). The redesigned Careers in Medicine website is mobile friendly, has an enhanced search function, and will continue to evolve and improve based on user feedback. Please direct feedback or questions to careersinmedicine@aamc.org.
- Additional COVID-19 information is located on the [Medical Student COVID-19 Information](#) web site
- Volunteer opportunities are listed on the [LCOMCares Service Corps](#) web site including a link to UVM Student Volunteer Opportunities which is a google document that lists volunteer opportunities and associated student leaders
- [LCOM](#) and [UVM Health Network](#) Wellness resources.
- [Current Activity In Vermont](#) - Vermont Department of Health information

Please continue to take care of yourselves and stay connected to family and friends. We miss you and remain grateful to you for your patience and understanding during this stressful and challenging time. Wishing you a wonderful week!

With gratitude,
Christa Zehle and our amazing OMSE team!