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Wednesday Weekly Wonders

Dear Students,

We have enjoyed seeing our class of 2021 and class of 2022 students around campus and are excited to welcome the class of 2024 on Monday and welcome back the class of 2023 on Monday, August 17, 2020! For the class of 2024 students who are new to the Wednesday Weekly Wonders, this weekly email communication was developed back in April in response to student feedback, as a method to communicate what was happening across all classes and the clinical environment during the pandemic. As I am sure we all remember, changes were happening rapidly and information regarding the pandemic and the social, clinical and educational impact needed to be addressed and updated frequently.

It has been 16 weeks since that first communication, a lot has happened and so much has changed. Our senior students (co2021 and co2022) have returned to the clinical environment and are working with patients, the curriculum team has been working to develop a synchronous and asynchronous pre-clinical curriculum that meets public health, safety and educational expectations, and the Admissions Office and Orientation Team have been preparing to welcome our incoming class of 2024 student on Monday. As we return to in-person operations and teaching, let us remember the lives lost from COVID-19, systemic racism and police brutality, and the unexpected loss of one of our very own, Collins Oguejiofor.

Changes are still inevitable as we continue to monitor the pandemic and its impact on our clinical and educational environments, as well as our communities. However, these changes are coming at a more manageable pace lately. Per student feedback, I will continue to provide Wednesday Wonders, however these updates may occur less frequently and any additional information that needs to be shared will be included in the Weekly Wire.

All students

Quarantine: use this [tool](#) from UVM that helps you determine your need to quarantine and your options. Additional resources located below.

- [Traveling to Vermont](#)
- [Cross State Travel Information for Vermont](#)
- [COVID-19 Pop-up Testing FAQs](#)
- [Supportive Quarantine Pilot Program \(The City of Burlington\)](#)

Clinical: (per the most recent communication from UVM Medical Center on Friday July 31, 2020)

- UVMMC: 1 PUI; No COVID positives
- Bed utilization: 90% private rooms Post- COVID vs. 75% private rooms Pre-COVID
- 81.2% pre COVID clinic volumes – 72.88% in person/ 27.12% telehealth
- We don't have the necessary capacity to sustain in house testing to get rapid results, due to lack of reliable supply chain for testing components for the Panther and Cepheid machines

- Moving towards only testing asymptomatic patients who fall in specific narrow categories instead of testing all admitted asymptomatic patients.
- In order to minimize risk - given the anticipated higher number of asymptomatic “COVID status unknown” in the inpatient setting - we are also moving towards routine use of eye protection for those of us who are patient facing in the inpatient setting.
- See additional clinical documents attached.

Dana Medical Library:

Dana Medical Library is currently planning to be open the same hours as last year. All resources and services remain the same. Access to the library is restricted to LCOM and College of Nursing and Health Sciences affiliates and everyone will need to swipe in using a CatCard. The maximum capacity is 75 people. There are individual study spaces for 75 people, but there will be no group study space or after-hours study available this year. Everyone will be required to wear a mask and remain 6 feet apart. No food will be allowed, but drinks are OK.

Masks:

UVM is providing at least 3 cloth masks to all students. The Medical Student Services Team is facilitating distribution of these masks to our students.

Additional Resources:

- [COVID-19 student testing](#)
- [Provider Wellness Committee Newsletter](#)
- [July 31 COVID-19 Report](#)

Class of 2021

- [Medical Student Financial Services Updates](#)
- On Wednesday, July 15, the AAMC hosted a new webinar titled, "[AAMC Tools for a Successful Residency Application](#)" to help ease the stress and anxiety surrounding the 2021 residency application process. A recording of that webinar is now available.
- In response to high levels of interest in the "[Effectively Utilizing Electronic Residency Application Service® \(ERAS®\)](#)" webinar held on July 7, ERAS staff will host a follow up Q&A session on **Thursday, August 6 at 7 p.m. ET** for 2021 residency applicants. This webinar will be recorded and shared with students. Check for an email from the ERAS Team with information regarding registration.
- Information about specialty specific guidelines regarding residency recruitment in the 2020-2021 cycle, can be found on the [AAMC Specialty Response to COVID-19](#) webpage.
- The Visiting Student Application Service (VSAS) now has 75 virtual elective offerings in 16 different specialties. Urology, Emergency Medicine, and Surgery have the most number of offerings. The 38 institutions hosting these electives are located in 28 states. Type “virtual” in the VSAS search bar to find all of these opportunities. Most of them are 4 weeks in duration, though some are 2-weeks. If you have any questions, please contact the VSLO team by phone at 202 478-9878 or via the [Contact VSLO](#).
- The NRMP is pleased to announce *Charting Outcomes in the Match 2020*, reports are now available for download on the [Main Residency Match Data and Reports](#) page of www.nrmp.org. These biennial reports highlight the characteristics of students and graduates that contribute to a program’s overall assessment of an applicant. They are intended to be a valuable resource in

helping applicants make educated choices when applying to and ranking residency programs. The individual reports are:

- [Charting Outcomes in the Match: Senior Students of U.S. MD Medical Schools](#)

In addition, the NRMP's [Interactive Charting Outcomes in the Match](#) tool has been updated with the 2020 Main Residency Match data.

Class of 2022

- [Medical Student Financial Services Updates](#)
- We hope you are enjoying your patient care experiences!

Class of 2023

- [Medical Student Financial Services Updates](#)
- It was great to see some of you at the town hall earlier this week. A recording of the town hall is located in your VIC calendar and an FAQ document will be sent out later this week.

Class of 2024

- Welcome to the Larner College of Medicine Community!

We are looking forward to seeing you all soon. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or we can support you in any way.

With gratitude,

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