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Dear Students,

We hope the new academic year is off to a good start for all of you. We have enjoyed seeing you on campus!

All students

Clinical: (per the most recent communication from UVM Medical Center on Wednesday, August 26, 2020)

- No COVID patients in house
- 94% single occupancy; 16.5% of patients are in double rooms.
- UVM has a very low positivity rate - even for out of State - 4 positives isolated up to now.
- 10 positive UVM symptomatic students since March.
- Our insights from previous nursing home clusters are helping other facilities in the region.
- We are working on convalescent plasma and vaccine allocation processes in the State.
- Starting in September, we will no longer offer testing to patients who have travelled and want to be released from quarantine after 7 days in order to save our testing capacity for employees returning from travel and for symptomatic patients.

Shared Responsibility

- Please remember our shared responsibility as members of the UVM and LCOM Community, to follow [state](#) and University guidelines to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and engage in preventative behaviors (appropriate face mask use, hand hygiene and physical distancing) and decision making that consider the health and safety of our entire community. Preventative behaviors to mitigate the risk of transmission are constantly evolving and take a bit of getting used to 😊, yet extremely important to continue to practice protecting everyone in our community.
- **Face Masks/Coverings:** Please wear your masks in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household.
 - CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>
 - UVM guidelines: <https://www.uvm.edu/returntocampus/campus-health-safety>
 - Green and Gold promise: <https://www.uvm.edu/deanofstudents/green-and-gold-promise>
- **Thanksgiving/Winter Vacation:** Thanksgiving/Winter vacation plans must follow the rules and regulations of the Vermont Department of Health (VDOH) regarding travel. For students who live outside of VT this may mean that you will not be able to travel home without needing to quarantine on return. For clinical students, a need to quarantine is likely going to mean that you cannot complete a scheduled clerkship or required clinical rotations which would need to be completed prior to graduation. If you choose to have your family come to VT to visit you, they must also adhere to the rules of VDOH. This is true for all residents, fellows, faculty, and staff as well. The holidays are going to be a little less family friendly for those of us who have family far away.

- [Cross State Travel Information for Vermont](#)
- [COVID-19 Pop-up Testing FAQs](#)

COVID-19 Testing

- **M1s & M2s:** All M1 and M2 students are fully integrated into the UVM COVID-19 Student Testing Protocol and should be completing daily symptoms reports via the CoVerified App and weekly COVID-19 Testing in the Davis Center basement clinic (students can schedule their testing times via the CoVerified App)
 - **CoVerified App giving you trouble, or do you not have access to a smartphone?** You can also [access the CoVerified services via the browser-based platform](#).
- **M3s & M4s:** With the testing center and CoVerified App becoming fully operational, this past week, the Office of Medical Student Education is committed to supporting the University in ensuring all on-campus UVM students are adhering to the UVM COVID-19 Student Testing Protocol, which was developed in collaboration with Vermont State Health and Safety representatives. Thus, this week, we will begin rolling out the program to our clinical level students. A comprehensive communication is under development to address unique clinical level situations, however, **if you are rotating within Chittenden County**, you are expected to **begin weekly testing within the next week**.
 - **ALL medical students (including on-campus and away)** must complete the [COVID-19 Safety Training and Green & Gold Promise](#). You will receive an email from Kiersten Hallquist letting you know if you have not yet completed this mandatory UVM Blackboard-based Training/Quiz.
 - **All students accessing UVM Campus and/or the UVMCC campus are to participate in the UVM COVID-19 Student Testing Protocol:** If you fall within this category, you must begin your daily symptom checks and weekly COVID-19 testing. This is all seamlessly achieved via the CoVerified app.
 - [Download the CoVerified App, now](#), and please be sure to update it anytime you are prompted. You will use your UVM Credentials to sign into the CoVerified app. If the app is not playing nicely or you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also [access the browser-based version of the CoVerified platform](#).
 - When you login, you put your NetID@uvm.edu email address. Once you've entered the complete email address, the password field will disappear, and you will be able to move to the next screen.
 - Click "Submit" and the app takes you to the myUVM Single-Sign-On (SSO) Portal. Login with your UVM Credentials (UVM NetID only – not email, and UVM NetID password)
 - Did you forget your UVM NetID Password? No worries! [Visit the UVM NetID Account Management Page](#) for troubleshooting support.
 - Students can schedule testing dates and times that work for their schedule via the CoVerified app.
 - The Davis Center testing clinic is open 9am-9pm M-Th and 9am-5pm Fridays. If you are unable to find times that fit with your schedule, please contact [StudentCOMServices](#) to let us know.
 - You need to **bring your UVM Student ID (UVM CATCard) with you** to the testing center to be tested.

- **More to come if you are rotating outside of Chittenden County/are not coming to UVM Campus – no immediate action needed regarding the Testing Protocol**, however, you must still complete your [COVID-19 Safety Training and Green & Gold Promise](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to [Kiersten Hallquist, your Student Services Coordinator](#), with any questions.

Clinical students

PPE: Each clinical level student has been assigned one face shield and one set of eyeglasses. For students in Vermont, the items have now been placed in envelopes in the Student Lounge (there was not enough room in Given Mailboxes). For students in CT, please check with Moira Barber. If VT students cannot locate their envelope, please email jdrouin@med.uvm.edu

Class of 2022

Congratulations on having successfully completed your first clinical clerkship! Early feedback from residents, fellows, faculty and staff is that you are doing an amazing job! You are prepared, engaged, and respectful! You are embracing your roles as future physicians with curiosity, compassion, and empathy! You are managing the uncertainty of COVID with flexibility and grace.

- **CSE:** This year the CSE is formative. However, we will be giving you data to let you know if you were above or below the passing standard. We encourage you to review your performance, identify targeted areas for improvement, and work with faculty to fill in any knowledge or skill gaps.
- **Clerkship Level Evaluations and Assessments:** there have been questions about evaluations and grades during the Clerkship Year.
 - Grades will be posted to the [Clerkship Grade Portal](#) within 35 days of the end of the clerkship. Once the evaluation period has closed for the clerkship, then grades and student assessments will be available to view in the [Clerkship Grade Portal](#). You will be notified via email by the Clerkship Director or Coordinator once the grade is available in the [Clerkship Grade Portal](#). In the Clerkship Grade Portal, you will see both the formative and summative narrative assessment. The summative narrative assessment is included in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation. Questions can be directed to jdrouin@med.uvm.edu
 - Summative Clerkship (and Advanced Integration) narratives are included in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE), submitted to residency programs during the residency application process. These comments describe a students' clinical performance and if they are performing at a high level, the comments are likely to reflect this. There are many ways to express exceptional clinical performance; writing a student performed at an honors level is one of them. The formative comments are where targeted areas for improvement are noted, and these comments are not used in the MSPE (Dean's letter) and are not seen by residency programs.

Pre-clinical students

- We are aware of some of the technology issues, especially during remote sessions and are actively working on addressing these.

- Please remember all students must participate in activities in which they are expected to contribute to the learning of others per our [Attendance Policy 510.10](#).

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or we can support you in any way.

With appreciation and gratitude,

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