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Subject: Friday Wonders - Have a great weekend!

Dear Students,

A few quick updates:

Vaccines (for students)

- Class of 2021 and 2022 students are in the process of scheduling/receiving their vaccine doses.
- Class of 2023 and 2024 students: The goal is to provide the vaccine prior to face-to-face patient encounters and I remain in close communication with senior leadership involved in vaccine distribution. At this time the vaccine is not mandatory. Students should plan to be vaccinated at one location for both doses of the vaccine which are given 21-28 days apart.

COVID updates (as of Wednesday, January 13, 2021)

- UVMHC: 18 COVID+ patients, 0 PUI, 7 in ICU, the highest number thus far, none ventilated. 18 COVID+ employees, mostly clinical staff.
 - o Vermont State: 46 patients hospitalized as of 1/11 - greater than the average 34 in prior 7 days.
 - o CVPH: 26 COVID+, 2 in ICU (1 on vent), 3 PUIs. Elective surgeries cancelled this week.
 - o Correctional facility in Raybrook NY: over 100+, 8 symptomatic, none needing hospital care as of yesterday.
- Vaccines: 6000 first-dose vaccines administered at UVMHC, by end of day today (1/12/21). Impact of vaccination on asymptomatic transmission risk remains unknown. Expect no change to PPE use, safety precautions or quarantining until we have more data. Vaccination now opened to all medical center employees who work onsite, either periodically or occasionally where patients are seen.
- State is starting to recommend vaccination of community members age of 75 and older (still TBD how UVMHC will help with that).
- Testing: Per the testing algorithm, do not test patients who have had COVID in the past 90 days. More robust surveillance testing of asymptomatic employees, starting next week.
- Hospital Throughput: Expecting 70-80 discharges on 1/12, which will help alleviate bed availability stress. Dartmouth has significant nursing staff challenges - closed to critical care transfers. Weekend operations in Periop, up and running this past weekend: 5 ORs working full steam with urgent, emergent and elective Fanny Allen cases.
- PPE: Airborne and contact precautions now required for patients who are "COVID status unknown or pending" when providing care involving aerosol-generating procedures.

LCME

- We have submitted our accreditation documents to the LCME and have a mock site visit scheduled for next week. Thank you for your continued engagement and support!

Have a great weekend!
With appreciation and gratitude,
Christa Zehle