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Sent on behalf of Drs Lounsbury and Moore

Greetings, Class of 2024,

You are nearing the end of a long, and atypical, first year of medical school. Thank you for your resilience, patience, and dedication. A summer break will be well deserved.

Based on state of VT and University of Vermont guidance, we are planning to return to fully in-person instruction in the fall. We recognize that you have not experienced this format at LCOM and may not know what fully in-person instruction looks like. Because students will be working together in groups in one large classroom, it will not be possible to participate in sessions remotely. Students are expected to be present every day as reflected [in our attendance policy](#), and excused absences can be obtained by submitting an [excused absence request form](#).

We are also working on identifying those parts of our curriculum delivery that we should preserve from the pandemic hybrid model. For example, we will be sending a survey to your class soon to get your input on whether you prefer to continue remote exams. We are also developing digital transparency policies to avoid the types of issues experienced at Dartmouth. The change to Turning Point for attendance last week, rather than using Zoom attendance, is a reflection of that changing policy surrounding acceptable tracking of online mandatory activities.

We are working through many other issues in our pivot back to in-person instruction. We will continue to provide updates to your class as we finalize decisions.

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