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Dear Students,

With the class of 2020 officially in the clinical environment, the lights on, the door ajar at the Office of Medical Student Education, and our new students due to arrive in less than 3 weeks there is a sense of excitement in the air!

Clinical (as of 7/15/2020)

- UVMMC: 3 COVID positives
- CPVH has 1 positive and CVMC has 1 positive.
- 3 employees found positive in the past 10 days.
- Census has increased – at 96% capacity for med-surg beds; 85-90% capacity for non-med-surg beds
- Very high acuity of ED patients and high rate of admission when comparing year over year.
- Ambulatory visits: 30% Telehealth and 70% in person visits with procedural areas back to pre-COVID volumes
- Testing bandwidth is becoming limited - Longer turnaround time re: a) volume of testing is significant and b) all reference labs are getting inundated with testing volume coming nationwide.
- N-95 masks still restrained internationally – local vigilance and stewardship remains important.

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 \(The City of Burlington\)](#)
- Please see these overview documents for the protocol for COVID screenings/exposures and risk assessment:
 - o [UVM Student Protocol for COVID screenings and exposures](#)
 - o [COVID-19 Employee Risk Assessment for Exposures](#)
- Additional Resources:
 - o [Trends and Health Policy Developments, 7/12/20, Insights to keep our members ahead](#)
 - o [Health Industry Advisor, LLC COVID-19 Report, Issue #105 – Wednesday, July 15 ,2020](#)

Clinical Students

- White Coats
 - white coats are optional.
 - If you wear them, wash them.
 - If you wear them, **leave them outside the room** when seeing patients.

- Updated hospital badge numbers are needed to ensure you have swipe access to UVMHC. Students can update their badge number in Oasis. Please check your badge number in Oasis and update it no later than tomorrow at 5pm in order for us to provide the information to hospital security by Friday. Please [see the email sent on 07/22 from Audree Frey for more information if needed.](#)
- Scrubs (please adhere to these important guidelines)
 - 1 Pair/day
 - Do not wear them off the hospital campus. Arrive in street clothes and leave in street clothes.
 - Do not have more than 1 pair in your possession at any one time. Do not hoard at home, in the student lounge, etc.
- Only clerkship students on the following rotations should be wearing scrubs: Surgery, ObGyn
- Only AI students on the following rotations should be wearing scrubs: Surgical AIs, ObGyn AIs, PICU, SICU, MICU AI, and EM
- Do not use your badge access to give another person access to the OR locker room to get scrubs

Class of 2021

- 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 greatest 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](#).
- For those of you who have not completed your RAD meetings, please work with [Emma Faustner](#) and [Kiersten Hallquist](#) to sign up for a spot.

Class of 2022

- Welcome to the clinical environment!
- See above information for clinical students.

Class of 2023

- We are hoping you are enjoying time away from formal classes and we are looking forward to seeing you in August. Please check in if you need anything! Please [review these FAQs related to LCOM’s return to in-person teaching for the Fall semester.](#)
- Classes begin on August 17, 2020 please plan your return to Vermont accordingly (see Quarantine information above)

We are thinking of each and every one of you. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can support you in any way.

With gratitude,

Christa Zehle and our OMSE team