

Dear M2 Students,

With the rapidly evolving COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to take a moment to recognize how stressful this situation might be for many of you. Under normal circumstances, we understand that the Step 1 study period is already stressful for most students and that the added level of uncertainty of the impact of COVID-19 may heighten your worries. We want to remind you that we remain fully available to support you. Although we will be implementing a distance learning program in an attempt to decrease the spread of disease, we hope that you know that our tight-knit community remains strong and united.

One of the concerns you may have is the potential impact of coronavirus on USMLE examination administrations. Please rest assured that your health and safety will always be our top priority. If you are unable to take the exam as planned due to illness or cancellations of test administration by testing centers, we will extend the Step 1 deadlines as needed. If any circumstances arise that may affect your ability to complete your Step 1 exam before the COM Step 1 deadline, please contact us directly so we can work with you to develop a solution. Please see the below post from the USMLE.

***“The USMLE program continues to monitor the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus, 2019-nCoV, first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China and is prepared to take appropriate measures as warranted to protect the health and safety of examinees and the public.***

***Whenever an examinee has a scheduled testing appointment, it is important to monitor the impact of illness, weather, or other conditions on USMLE administrations by going to the [Prometric website](#) (for Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3 exams) and the [CSEC website](#) (for Step 2 Clinical Skills exams) for updates. Test centers may close at any time.***

***If you have been impacted by a test center closure related to the corona virus and need assistance with rescheduling your examination, please contact your registration entity. It is also always important to monitor your own health. If you do not feel well on the day of your test, we strongly encourage you to reschedule your examination. If you become ill while taking any USMLE exam, inform a proctor promptly.***

***Please check the USMLE website for updates on the potential impact of coronavirus on USMLE administrations.”***

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Markowitz and Dr. Caceres