

Dear M4 Students,

As the Dean stated in his e-mail below, with our tight-knit and student-focused community that thrives on personal connection, the necessary changes that we have had to make have been difficult for all of us, particularly when it comes to our Match Day event. It is with great disappointment that we need to officially cancel our Match Day event, our most exciting and celebratory event of the year. We were hoping to create some type of celebration, even if only for a short time with your entire class, but as a response to the growing pandemic of COVID-19, we must cancel our Match Day event entirely. Match Week is traditionally a week when our senior students are able to celebrate collectively and we are truly sorry that this will not happen for your class. We hope to maintain our connectedness with you as we all learn to temper increased distance with deeper care for one another during this challenging time.

Below are the details for Match Week (March 16-March 20):

1. On **Monday, March 16th**, the Office of Student Affairs will be notified at or after 10:30am if there are any partially matched or unmatched students. Students who are partially matched or unmatched will be contacted by Dr. Markowitz or Dr. Caceres via telephone to inform them of the situation and will be asked to report to the Office of Student Affairs Suite. Based on prior experiences, it is most effective and efficient to meet with Drs. Markowitz and Caceres in person if you need to enter the Supplemental Offer and Acceptance Program (SOAP) so that they can guide you through the process and offer support. We are aware, however, that there are some students who may currently be out-of-state. We do not want students flying back to Florida just for SOAP and risking exposure to the novel coronavirus. If any students are out-of-state and need to enter SOAP, we will work with those students remotely. For students who are currently in the area, we ask that you remain available to come into the Office of Student Affairs Suite if you need to enter SOAP. **All students should remain available to answer their phone from 10:30-11:00am to ensure that the Office of Student Affairs is able to communicate with you in a timely manner if needed.** Students who have fully matched will receive an e-mail at or after 11:00am from the NRMP.
2. On **Thursday, March 19th**, the Office of Student Affairs will receive the Match results of our students. We will prepare your individual Match letters and create an individual e-mail with a PDF of your Match letter that will be set to be released to you on Friday, March 20th, at noon. **To ensure this is a smooth process, we would like to perform a "test run" that will require your participation. We have created e-mails today with a test attachment set to be released to you tomorrow at noon.** We are asking that all students check their e-mails tomorrow, Friday, March 20th, at noon, to confirm that they received our test e-mail with the test attachment. If you receive the e-mail as planned, please respond to it with a "Yes". If you do not receive the e-mail at all or after 12pm, please e-mail us directly to let us know.
3. On **Friday, March 20th**, at noon, all students should receive an e-mail from the College of Medicine with their Match Results. If you do not receive an e-mail, please contact the Office of Student Affairs at 561-297-2219 for your Match results. At 1:00pm, Match results become available in the R3 system through the NRMP.

We wish you all the best of luck as you enter Match Week and we would like to remind you of our ongoing support! Please feel free to contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Dr. Markowitz and Dr. Caceres