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Subject: M3 AHD TOMORROW, March 10th - WILL BE DONE ONLINE

Dear M3 Students,

There have been growing concerns nationally and internationally regarding infection and transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19). With the recent reports of cases in Broward County, we are having ongoing thoughtful discussions of how to be prepared to teach aspects of our curriculum remotely in the event that quarantines or closures need to be implemented in the future.

With this in mind we have decided to proceed with an emergency preparedness drill for tomorrow afternoon, March 10th, for Academic Half Day. Our goal is to test our on-line distance-learning platforms for DR Rounds this week in case we need to eventually move to on-line learning for future academic half days.

So for tomorrow afternoon, please DO NOT come to campus, but plan to find a quiet space in order to actively participate via your iPad or computer. DR Rounds sessions will be held via videoconference through Canvas's Big Blue Button online from 2:45 – 4:45pm. You will be receiving another email shortly containing specific instructions for how to access Canvas. Tomorrow's lecture PowerPoint slides and resources will be posted on OwlMed for students to review independently.

In terms of clinical rotations, we remain in close communication with our partner hospitals and clinical sites. As recommended by the AAMC, students should continue to participate as active members of the healthcare team, yet in the interest of student safety, direct care of known or suspected cases of COVID-19 infection by medical students is not advised. This will also allow for conservation of personal protective equipment (PPE). Please continue to follow all Hospital and University guidelines and regularly check the University's designated site for updates on the virus, travel and health guidance, and helpful resources: <http://www.fau.edu/coronavirus/>. We will reach out with updates as they become available.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to support this distance-learning preparedness exercise. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

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