

Dear FAU College of Medicine Residents and Fellows,

As you may be aware, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Florida Department of Health are updating the public on the current status of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Given how quickly the situation is evolving, we are monitoring all new developments and will continue to reevaluate our steps and actions daily.

This email is to inform you about the steps the College is taking at this time:

- **Level 3 Travel Health Notice** – We recommend if at all possible, to postpone any travel to countries designated as Level 3 [or higher]. Residents and fellows who have traveled or plan to travel to a country designated with a Level 3 [or higher] Travel Health Notice must 1) **notify their Program Director and GME office**; 2) **self-isolate for 14 days away from work** [didactics, hospitals, clinic assignments, etc.], **beginning immediately with their return to the US**. Countries currently designated as level 3 include: China, South Korea, Italy, and Iran. This list may change – please check <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html> before making any travel plans.

All residents and fellows must complete the electronic travel attestation form at https://fau.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b7xG9eTkmD7olCd by this Friday, March 6th.

If you have traveled to a country with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice, you must undergo a medical evaluation by a healthcare provider after the 14 day isolation and obtain a letter of medical clearance stating that you are medically safe to return to work.

- **Level 2 Travel Health Notice** - travelers from a country designated with a Level 2 Travel Health Notice, which currently includes Japan, need to be aware that such country may be escalated to a Level 3 Travel Health Notice at any point. If this occurs at any point while in country, the Level 3 guideline above will apply immediately.

In addition to the University and/or College policies and procedures each **hospital or health system may implement policies and procedures for healthcare providers involved in patient care at their facilities. Program Directors will distribute such policies and procedures to all residents and fellows in a timely manner and it is expected that each resident and fellow follows these policies and procedures while on rotation at the respective facilities.**

In the meantime, the most effective way to stay healthy and minimize the spread of any infectious disease like COVID-19 is to follow basic best practices like:

- **Respiratory Etiquette** - cover up coughs/sneezes with a tissue or elbow followed immediately by hand-washing.

- **Hand-Hygiene** - wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If water or soap are not available, please utilize an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- **Sickness Prevention** - All residents and fellows who are feeling ill must stay home until they recover AND are fever free (less than 100 degrees Fahrenheit) for a minimum of 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

During times like this, we are particularly grateful for the strength and cohesiveness of our community.

Please continue to look for further communications from us on this evolving matter.

Sincerely,

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