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Dear Colleagues:

As Memorial Healthcare System continues to monitor the development of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), we remain steadfast in continuing our undergraduate medical education activities responsibly. To that end, we have made several changes to medical students’ scope of responsibility and clinical activities while on campus. Effective immediately:

1. No student should / will be permitted to care for any patient with confirmed COVID-19 Disease
2. No student should / will be permitted to care for any person being ruled out for COVID-19 or considered a person under investigation (PUI) that MHS may be caring for
3. In an effort to preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), students will not be allowed to enter an isolation room

It is the responsibility of the student, the supervising physician, and the medical schools to monitor and enforce this new policy. Students should remain cognizant of all cases that they may encounter while on campus, regardless of whether the patient has been “assigned” to them by any member of the healthcare team. Students are encouraged follow all CDC guidelines and recommendations available to healthcare personnel and the general public including those regarding standard precautions. Finally, no student should be on campus if they have symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

Healthcare Professionals FAQs:


Sincerely,

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