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Subject: Update on Year 3 Clerkships

Dear Year 3 Clerkship and Cross-Discipline Directors, ELT and Curriculum leaders,

I just wanted to update you that I have been in close communication with the leaders of Tenet, Baptist, Memorial, and CCF today and effective Monday March 16th, based on hospital-issued mandates in response to the COVID -19 pandemic, we will need to transition our third year clerkship students to alternate case-based online distance learning options.

Luckily, we already have a set of online alternative cases for all required patient diagnoses in the clerkships that are required by the LCME, and as many of us discussed on the conference call yesterday we have innovative ways to modify learning modalities to continue to meet our clerkship objectives eg. online case discussion boards, online videos, case-discussions through Webex and Canvas's big blue button. I am also grateful that we are so close to the end of the clinical year for our Year 3 students so they have already completed 37 of their 40 required longitudinal integrated clerkship weeks, so the majority of our curricular objectives have already been met.

I am currently drafting an official notification email to the Year 3 students that will be sent out tomorrow but I wanted you all to have a heads up that this is coming. All clerkship and cross-discipline directors should be in touch with Dr. Jen Foster to plan communications with the M3 students about the details of the distance-learning for their clerkships that will begin next week. I am working with Dr. Foster, Dr. DiCorcia, and Dr. Wyatt to make decisions about how to best handle Year 3 grading and assessment and we will update you as details become available. We will also continue to run academic half day remotely as we piloted last week until we hear otherwise from the University.

I also wanted to share with you some of the [resources sent from the AAMC](#) yesterday that address principles and issues that medical schools across the nation are grappling with during this unprecedented crisis.

Lastly, I am planning to arrange an optional Webex town hall meeting for M3 students on Monday afternoon (time TBD) so that we can speak to them, answer questions, and support them during this stressful and uncertain time. We will send you an invite should you want and be available to participate.

I am grateful for everyone's hard work, flexibility, and support of one another, our students, and our community during this unprecedented crisis.

Stay well,

Sarah