Hello Everyone,

Please see a message from my colleague Jenny Samaan, PhD, Senior Director of Visiting Student Learning Opportunities.

Many stakeholders within the medical education community are concerned about the continuation of away rotations due to COVID-19's impact on education, patient care, learner safety, and travel.

The Visiting Student Learning Opportunities (VSLO) program will put into place a short-term two-week suspension on applications to away rotations from April 15-28, resuming on April 29th, as stakeholders across the medical education community discuss how to approach away rotations in this current and next academic year.

We recognize that these away rotations play an important role in the residency application process. We are also aware that travel restrictions and variations in rotation availability may create inequity among students as they seek rotation experiences in a compressed timeframe.

It will be critical to this discussion that all schools and clinical sites adhere to the recommended approach, both in and outside the VSLO network. We look forward to participating in these important discussions within the medical education community in the coming days and to supporting the timely decisions that will result regarding away rotation policies.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as the process moves forward in the coming weeks. Visiting Student updates can be found on the AAMC’s Coronavirus Resource Hub and in the VSLO Coronavirus FAQs. Please contact Dr. Jenny Samaan, Senior Director of VSLO at jsamaan@aamc.org, if you would like to discuss this interim action, or any other matters.

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