

Effective Immediately Suspension of All Student CLINICAL EXPERIENCES based on AAMC Just Released Guidelines (3.17.20 noon)

Dear Students--The Education and M3M4 leadership just completed modifications to your medical education program, based on the following rationale:

RATIONALE FOR MODIFICATION STRATEGY

1. Elective cases in the operating room have been postponed.
2. Some resident services have been reduced to "weekend coverage" to preserve the workforce.
3. Outpatient visits have been either canceled or will be conducted via telemedicine.
4. Due to multiple inpatient and outpatient clinical sites, there has been variable messaging, and at times confusion from faculty and staff regarding guidelines for medical student education. Additionally, there may be variability in screening activities.
5. There are temporary supply chain issues (gowns) at several sites.
6. We have received guidance from the LCME, our accrediting body, on the types of experiences that can be conducted with alternative learning experiences to meet schoolwide objectives. These guidelines differ between the M3 core and M4 required experiences. There is flexibility in meeting core M3 requirements during elective time in the M4 year, prior to graduation.

However the notification below from the AAMC has eclipsed our letter to you. We will revise the letter but in the mean time it is important to note that for the time being:

All students will be required to participate in required didactic experiences and completion of alternative exercises for the required clinical encounters. Details to follow.

"The guidance strongly supports that, effective immediately, medical schools pause all student clinical rotations until at least March 31. This pause will allow the medical education community, including learners, to develop appropriate educational strategies and alternative clinical experiences to best assure safe, meaningful clinical learning for students. It will also help with current concerns about the availability of personal protective equipment." AAMC

Please inform your faculty that you are excused. We will be out with another notification shortly.
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