

Messages from Dr. Carol Terregino regarding educational programming and assessments 03/15-03/16/20

March 16, 2020 – 10:57 a.m.

Dear Students - Effectively immediately we are suspending all PCM HIPHOP Community Health Workshops. This is in the best interests of our community partners and you. Dr. Terregino

March 16, 2020 – 10:40 a.m.

We have decided to postpone all NBME Shelf examination administrations on Friday.

The Emergency Medicine students will be taking a non-shelf exam remotely. Dr. Patti will be in touch about that.

We WILL administer these shelf exams at a later date, hopefully no later than Transitions to the Fourth year.

Stay Tuned and Stay Safe!

Sunday, March 15, 2020

Dear All,

Two Categories for updates

1) Assessments/examinations

2) M3M4 Outpatient Experiences

Assessments/Examinations

M1M2

Beginning Friday March 20, 2020 MCQ examinations will take place remotely. Drs. Kaul and Corbett will provide further information on these exams, which will be delivered by ExamSoft.

The M1 Final OSCE and the M2 Final Clinical Examination will not take place as planned.

The M1 OSCE will be canceled; your clinical skills will be assessed at the beginning of the M2 year to ensure that you are ready for performing history and physical examinations.

The M2 OSCE will not be an OSCE per se, but there will be a final examination. Dr. Afran will be in touch with details. We will ensure that you are prepared for the clerkships (history and physical examination; documentation; interpretation and oral presentation) with an assessment at the beginning of the next academic year.

M3M4

At the present time, shelf examinations WILL proceed this week as planned with smaller numbers of students at each testing location. This morning I have had outreach to the AAMC and NBME. The NBME is working on a solution for remote testing, however, there is no timeline yet, and it is unclear if anything will be in place by Thursday and Friday. Please know that we will take all precautions to keep

you safe by limiting the number of students per room, and wiping down rooms and computers between exams. I will update you as the situation may evolve.

Outpatient Experiences in M3/M4 Year

The rationale for the guideline is because these patients do not yet have a diagnosis/disposition.

No medical student will participate in direct care of a patient *in the outpatient setting* with a respiratory condition or a fever of unclear etiology. **Exception:** Students *can* participate in the care of patients that present with a viral respiratory illness that is of known, NON-COVID-19 etiology, such as RSV)

To determine patient status, there need to be triage and screening mechanisms in place. This will be communicated to all sites and all preceptors.

We will depend on you to inform us if triage and screening is not taking place at your site and we will make scheduling adjustments.

As noted previously, please contact student affairs if you do not believe that you can participate in the educational program as outlined.

One last thing, thanks to the many students who have reached out to us and asked how they can help. At the present time, it is our goal to have you safely complete your educational program. If circumstances arise and medical students could assume functions essential to the health system, we will be in touch.

Stay safe. CAT