



RUTGERS

Robert Wood Johnson
Medical School

UPDATE March 13, 2020

Message from Dean Terregino to students emailed on March 12, 2020:

Due to the fact that we have multiple inpatient and outpatient sites for PCM experiences, and due to the fact there have been multiple requests in and outside of our health system to limit additional care team members, we will cancel any offsite PCM 1 or 2 clinical experiences effective immediately.

Additional instructions will be forthcoming for Promise Clinic Teams. Drs. Afran, Like, and Weber will be in touch regarding alternative learning experiences. All sites are being notified about this decision beginning tomorrow.

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Undergraduate Medical Education Curriculum Status

Preclerkship:

Lecture: All large group lectures are canceled. Lecture podcasts will be posted as is the current practice. Faculty will receive instructions on making podcasts and posting them when last year's podcasts need to be replaced.

Small Group: Patient Centered Medicine small groups do not exceed 15; no change

Laboratory: Labs will be canceled through the end of April; Virtual cases will be identified for the canceled laboratories.

Office Hours: Faculty will continue their accessibility to students through email and phone consultations. WebEx Q&A sessions will be set up.

Examinations: Examsoft platform will be used for multiple choice examinations. Students will take exams in small group rooms with staggered schedules.

Study Areas: Several closed spaces in the Kessler Teaching Laboratories, "airplanes," "small conference rooms," "small group teaching rooms" will have modifications on maximal capacity (15).

Required Clinical Activity in preclerkship curriculum: required history and physical encounters will continue except those that are scheduled in Emergency Department settings.

OSCE: No changes to OSCE challenges.

Basic Life Support: postponed until June.

Clerkship:

Clinical Activity: There is no limitation except for patients on respiratory isolation. Additionally, we are altering the experience for the required emergency medicine fourth-year clerkship. Students will not be involved in direct care with Emergency Department patients. The Emergency Department is the first point of contact with the healthcare system, prior to any screening or isolation procedures.

Didactic Activity: Small group activities will be limited to 10-15. Clerkship didactics will be delivered on podcasts.

Clerkship Orientation Activity: Orientation activities will be staggered so that groups do not exceed 15.

Shelf Examinations: The current size of the proctored groups is 20-25, thus alternative space is being identified for the web based NBME exams.

Simulation: Activities do not exceed 8 students and will continue as planned.

Student Events:

All in person student large group activities have been canceled.

Graduate Medical Education:

Clinical Activity: Residents will continue normal duties.

Didactic Activity: Modifications to morning report, noon conferences etcetera for web-based or postponement.

Grand rounds: All grand rounds activities have been canceled.

Continuing Medical Education:

All grand rounds events are canceled.

[WebEx options](#) are being explored for some speakers.