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COVID-19 Updates for Medical Education

Dear Students and Medical Education Colleagues,

We hope you all are doing well. Below is today's COVID-19 update.

Before I get started, I want to express my deep gratitude for all of our students. From the moment this crisis was upon us, you have been the most amazing partners that the faculty and deans could envision. You have rolled up your sleeves, figured out ways to contribute (mask drives, blood drives, meals on wheels, google docs galore), asked thoughtful questions, shared ideas, supported each other, educated our community, and more. And, on top of it all, you have taken the time to recognize and thank your faculty, your staff and your deans for the hard work that they are engaging in during this crisis. Each and every message you send has warmed our hearts and given us renewed energy to carry on!

On a daily basis, I personally thank the universe for bringing me to UCSF, the best medical school with the best students, faculty, staff and leadership a person could hope for. Now, more than ever, we need to tap into the boundless expertise, creativity and adaptive problem solving skills you all demonstrate to keep our communities healthy and decrease the suffering of our patients.

AAMC Guidance on Clinical Education

We are aware that the AAMC released a [new guidance statement](#) on clinical education during COVID-19. UCSF remains committed to our mission and values, which call on us to prepare the workforce our nation needs while remaining true to our principles:

- Help all of our students develop the competencies they need to be outstanding physicians;
- Ensure that all students continue to advance towards a timely graduation; and
- Adapt our educational programs to meet the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic while minimizing risk to our students and faculty.

We are conferring with the UC Deans on our options for moving forward and will provide an additional update on clinical learning in the next few days.

COVID-19 Logistical Updates

Below you will find additional logistical updates related to COVID-19. Please continue to [visit](#)

[the Medical Education COVID-19 Website](#), which features [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for updated information about changes to the curriculum.

Campus Housing Updates

- Please refer to Campus Life Services' [COVID-19 FAQs & Resources for Our Tenants](#)
- UCSF students living on campus may choose to terminate their lease before May 15, 2020 without penalty. Please contact housingassignments@ucsf.edu for more information.
- Campus housing is waiving late fees for April rent. Contact HousingFinance@ucsf.edu to set up a payment plan if you need to defer or can only pay a portion of your rent.

UCSF Student Documentation for UCSF Health & Core Affiliates

- We understand that some front-line staff are questioning students' presence at our UCSF Health affiliates. UCSF medical students may use [this letter](#) to prove that you are essential. We recommend carrying a printed copy of the letter, and your UCSF ID when you leave your residence. Faculty are also carrying similar letters during this time.
- This letter represents great trust in our students. Please only utilize this "Advanced Health Professions Students Essential to the Healthcare Response" letter for school-sanctioned activities (COVID-19 volunteer activities). If you have any questions about the use of this letter, please contact [DoQuyen Tran-Taylor](#).

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Class of 2020/2021 (Career Launch 4a and 4b students)

- **Requests for scheduling changes to Sub-I's/Career Launch electives is on hold** to give our scheduling team time to address course cancellations and other curricular impacts of COVID-19.
 - More details about Career Launch courses and curricular changes will be announced on Thursday, March 26. In the meantime, please be patient, and know that we are working as quickly as we can to address your concerns.
- **CPX Exam is suspended.** Abbi Phillips, Director of Patient Skills Learning and Assessment, will be in touch with additional details and plans to help you study for Step 2 CS.

Join us for the Next Medical Education Deans Open Forum: March 26

We will be hosting another Open Forum on Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m.
Zoom Link: <https://ucsf.zoom.us/j/923569612> Phone: 16699006833, 923569612#

Questions or Concerns?

Contact Your Academic Advisor:

- F1 Advisor: [Xavier Macy](#)
- F2 Advisor: [Nikki Williams](#)

- Career Launch Advisor: [Wenia Lee](#)

Warm gratitude and admiration,

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