Subject: COVID-19 Update: All F1 Exams Moved to Remote Through June 2

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From: Catherine R. Lucey

To: Wolfson, Rebecca

Dear F1 students,

We are writing with updates as we continue to respond to the rapidly evolving COVID-19 situation. We thank you all for your attention to the ongoing communications and for your flexibility as new developments emerge.

Highlights:
- All written exams will be delivered remotely through the remainder of the school year (June 2020)
- Students may leave the Bay Area if they wish, but please consider options carefully
- Medical Student Center/student lounge is closing
- Continue to practice social distancing
- Please respond promptly to a location survey coming early this week

UCSF School of Medicine will administer all written exams remotely for the rest of the school year (through June 2020). The School is not closing, and the curriculum will continue in its new remote format, as you have been previously notified.

We made this decision to allow you to leave the Bay Area if you wish, and to allow you to plan for the rest of the school year. Please know if the federal government issues a domestic travel warning it may impact your plans. Before traveling home, please make sure you have information about your health insurance.

We remind you as you plan for your remote learning and any travel to continue to practice social distancing. For your social life, this means avoiding/minimizing in person gatherings or group activities that do not allow you to maintain a 6-foot distance between people. For travel, this means avoiding large carpools where possible, avoiding communal gatherings in small spaces (e.g. tents, house parties) and avoiding back and forth travel to other cities or parts of the country.

We will be sending out a location survey early this week so that we will know where you are. WE NEED 100% compliance with this survey – please respond promptly! If you are remaining in the Bay Area and would be willing to participate as a medical center volunteer during the pandemic response, please respond to the survey that we will send on Monday so we may contact you and let you know about opportunities.

In an effort toward risk reduction, we are also closing the Medical Student Center (student lounge) effective immediately. The size of the space and nature of the surfaces does not allow us to maintain recommended infection control measures. With the closure of the Medical Student Center, our Food Security Program will be managed electronically. Please email MedicalStudentCenter@ucsf.edu to request a food care package.
As always, we remind you of the recommendations for risk reduction for you and others:

Remember the 4 S’s to stay safe:

- **Sanitizing** (the most important): Handwash with soap & water for at least 20 seconds, or use at least 60% alcohol hand sanitizer
- **Surfaces**: Clean surfaces whenever possible, and try not to touch your face
- **Social distancing**: Try to stay at least 3-6 ft away from others. That means staying away from crowded areas
- **Stay home** if you are sick

Questions or Concerns? Contact Your Academic Advisor:

- F1 Advisor: Xavier Macy

If you believe that you have unique circumstances that increase your risk of serious complications from respiratory virus infections, please contact Dean Davis and Student Health and Counseling Services.

Sincerely,

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