Dear Medical Students and Medical Education Colleagues,

Today, we received the exciting and welcome news that effective October 1, UCSF lifted its temporary ban on gatherings and removed the campus restriction on food and drinking. Below you will find how the new guidelines will change our student experience and curricular activities.

Thank you all for your patience and resilience over the past two months complying with the San Francisco Department of Public Health and UCSF enhanced COVID 19 protocols. Together, we helped the Bay Area weather the recent the Delta variant surge. We remain humbled by your contributions in helping our state manage the COVID 19 virus!

**Medical Education Gathering Guidelines (50 or less)**
*(following Registered Campus Organization guidelines)*

- Student meetings and events with 50 or fewer people in attendance are approved. **Note:** Indoor meetings and events are limited to 50 percent of the capacity of the room. Please keep an attendance sheet.

- Food is allowed; however it cannot be self-served. Campus recommends providing individually wrapped box/meals/drinks.

- Masks and face coverings must be worn indoors (except while actively eating/drinking).

- UCSF remains closed to the public. Please refer to the [Essential Visitor Policy](#).

- Any meetings and events with more than 50 people in attendance must receive Recovery Operations Center (ROC) approval. The ROC meeting and request form is [here](#).

**Medical Student Center and Lounge to Increase Capacity**

The Student Experience Team will be expanding the capacity of the medical student center and lounge (S-245 and S-221) in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned to the Class forums and Student Digest for additional details. In the meantime, please make an appointment to access the [Medical Student Center](#). You can also drop-in!

**Curricular Activities: In-Person Electives and Shadowing Allowed; Increased Size of Small Groups**

- Effective October 4, in-person student electives are allowed, provided that the size of the gathering follows the room capacity and attendance guidance outlined above.

- UCSF medical student shadowing is allowed at the discretion of the clinical faculty member(s) involved, so long as this does not impact clinical placements for curricular needs.

- Small group learning may be increased to follow the new guidelines and room capacity requirements, pending room availability.

- Large group lectures will continue to be held remotely, either synchronously or asynchronously, per course leadership as noted in our [August announcement](#).

- Clinical activities will continue as they have over the past year, following the guidance of the hosting clinical facility/institution.

- The School will continue with the F1 plan for remote OEQ and CBSE/CBSSA exams
through fall quarter as previously announced in the Class of 2024 Forum and Class of 2025 Forum.

We hope this news inspires you to have a happy, healthy, and relaxing weekend.

As always, we thank you for your patience and adaptability in these ever-changing times.

Sincerely,

Medical Education Deans
UCSF School of Medicine

Catherine R. Lucey, MD, MACP
Vice Dean for Medical Education
Executive Vice Dean for the School of Medicine

Michelle A. Albert, MD, MPH
Associate Dean for Admissions

Peter Chin-Hong, MD
Associate Dean for Regional Campuses

John Davis, MD, PhD
Associate Dean for Curriculum and Interim Associate Dean for Students

Karen Hauer, MD, PhD
Associate Dean for Competency Assessment and Professional Standards

Kevin H. Souza, MS
Associate Dean for Medical Education