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To: Postgraduate Medical Education Personnel

With the increasing number of countries affected by COVID-19, the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Alberta is adopting the following procedure changes for **incoming learners**:

- Residents and Fellows from outside Alberta coming for electives will have their electives cancelled effective immediately till further notice;
- Residents and Fellows from outside Alberta currently here for electives may continue training until further notice;
- Residents and Fellows from outside Canada coming to begin their residency or fellowship programs will be deferred to start July 1. The PEAP (Pre-Entry Assessment Period) will now begin July 1.

**For outgoing residents**

- Residents and Fellows from the University of Alberta planning electives will have their electives cancelled effective immediately till further notice;
- Residents and Fellows from the University of Alberta currently on elective elsewhere in Canada may continue training until further notice;
- Residents from the University of Alberta currently on electives in other countries will be asked to return from their clinical placements.
- All residents returning from any international travel must self-isolate on return and call AHS Workplace Health and Safety before they may return to clinical duties and educational activities.

Given that global information regarding COVID-19 is changing rapidly, learners who have travelled outside Canada for any purpose will be quarantined and unable to participate in their rotations for 14 days, which could lead to lost educational time that may need to be made up at a future date. Residents and fellows who are quarantined will be encouraged to explore remote attendance at academic or group activities with the relevant program lead. Please consider the impact of non-essential travel outside of Canada.

With respect to educational activities where groups of learners gather, we are following the direction of the University of Alberta and requesting that all programs investigate the possibility of remote/online learning. Should the university decide to cancel classroom activities then Academic half days and other educational activities will be curtailed. Alternate educational delivery should be considered.

During this time of heightened concern, the Faculty will do its utmost to support University of Alberta learners and continue educational programs as best as possible while fulfilling our obligation to wise practice in public health and safety.

Best regards



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