

PGME COVID-19 Update 3

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Again, we thank you for your patience. We know the evolving COVID-19 pandemic is a cause for concern for postgraduate medical education learners, faculty, and staff. As we know, things are changing very fast and we are still striving to provide the most up to date information as possible to help guide you through this challenging time.

Electives

- ALL electives for residents and fellows of the University of Alberta, outside of the Edmonton zone are now cancelled, until June 30th, 2020. Learners are to return to their home programs immediately.
- Effective immediately, we are terminating electives for all Residents and Fellows from outside the University of Alberta. They are to return to their home institutions as soon as possible.

Residents on Leave

- Residents and Fellows who are currently outside of the country on any type of educational leave, are to return home as soon as possible.

Rotations and Teaching

- Faculty/staff should prioritize residents with the most experience, limiting the number of learners in patient rooms with COVID-19 to reduce exposure and optimize the availability of personal protective equipment.
- **Clarification:** With respect to educational activities where groups of learners gather, we are following the direction of the University of Alberta. All programs must use alternative delivery options such as remote/online learning, Academic Half Days (AHDs) and other in-person classroom based PGME activities are cancelled. Other methods of delivery such as Google Meet, Zoom, Skype, Skype for Business should be explored.

Communication

- Please see previous updates for other information; sent on March 13 & 14, 2020
- We will provide daily updates as necessary

Please use our recently created [PGME COVID-19 form](#) to submit questions and comments related to COVID-19 and the impact it is having on our Postgraduate Medical Education community of learners and staff. We will compile these questions and strive to provide timely responses through ongoing email and website updates.

Best regards



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