

## **PGME COVID-19 Update 7**

**March 27, 2020      2:00pm**

### **Communication from the Office of PGME to programs and learners**

The PGME Office is committed to communicating impacts and decisions of the COVID-19 pandemic with residency programs, fellowship programs, and trainees through the following mechanisms:

- PGME Office Updates (March 13, 14, 16, 19, 23, & 25)
- Direct emails to Residency Program Directors & Administrators, Fellowship Educational Supervisors & Administrators, and internal & external stakeholders
- Direct emails to current PGME trainees (residents & fellows)
- Teleconferences for Residency Program Directors, Team Leads, & Administrators
- [PGME COVID-19 google site](#)

Residency and Fellowship programs are encouraged to [submit questions and comments](#) about COVID-19 and the impacts it is having on our PGME community of learners and staff. Once submitted, the following occurs:

- Questions and comments are reviewed on a daily basis (Monday-Friday) by Associate Dean, PGME and PGME office staff
- Questions are reviewed and prioritized. A decision is made to:
  - a. Contact individual/program submitting the question and respond directly via phone or email
  - b. Theme and generalize the question to be added to the FAQs on the PGME COVID-19 google site
  - c. Generalize the question and add to a PGME Office Update and/or teleconference for Residency Program Directors & Administrators
  - d. Combination of any of the above
  - e. Defer to a later date/place in parking lot

### **Alberta Health Services Inquiries**

- We are unable to respond or comment on communications from AHS. We ask that you direct all inquiries/comments/concerns to the AHS Lead in your department.

### **CPSA**

- We have shared the list of names of subspecialty residents in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics with CPSA. They will contact each of you to see if you are willing to get temporary unrestricted practice permits in your primary specialty to assist with redeployment.

### **Resident Rotations**

- Wherever possible, residents should still be completing rotation experiences that are in alignment with the program Specialty Training Requirements (STRs) and EPAs.
- While the clinical experience may be slower on some rotations due to COVID-19, if a rotation turns a resident away from their clinical placement, the Program Director should contact the relevant rotation coordinator to understand the issue.

**Sponsored trainees**

Travel restriction exemptions are now in place. Temporary foreign workers, some international students and approved permanent residents who haven't yet landed are now able to enter Canada. Please visit the [Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada website](#) for additional information.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ramona Kearney".

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