

PGME COVID-19 Update 10**April 15, 2020 2:00pm**

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to postgraduate medical education during these unprecedented times. Regularly review our [COVID-19 google site](#) for updated communications and answers to frequently asked questions. If your question has not been answered, please submit it to our office using the linked [google form](#).

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Dr. David Zygun, Edmonton Zone MEdical Director is requesting assistance in addressing issues with PPE as they arise. Residents should notify their attending physician, facility medical director or program director if they are refused or feel resistance to provision of PPE.

The Facility directors/deputy directors are:
University of Alberta Hospital: Dr. Taylor & Dr. Townsend
Royal Alexandra Hospital: Dr. Stewart & Dr. Peterson
Grey Nuns Community Hospital: Dr. Brisebois
Misericordia Community Hospital: Dr. Black
Surgeon Community Hospital: Dr. Sheps
Alberta Hospital Edmonton: Dr. White

If program directors, PARA or the PGME office hear of these concerns please forward the specific details to AHS so they can address them. Residents should be aware that PPE may not be in the usual place, to ask a staff member such as the unit clerk where the PPE is located and to use the NOD (Name, Occupation, Duties) approach to introduce themselves.

In addition, I have received concerns that trainees are not donning and doffing their PPE safely. At each site there are "DOfficers" who can assist you in donning and especially doffing PPE safely. Please look for them in your areas and request their assistance to avoid contaminating yourselves and others. PPE training is occurring tomorrow in the Mazankowski auditorium. Please see poster for details.

Redeployment

Redeployment requests have begun to be forwarded to AHS by service areas of need. Program directors will receive requests from Stacey Moorehouse from Acute Care Coverage to identify residents who will be redeployed. I ask your urgent attention to these requests and a prompt response.

Accommodation for isolation

If programs are aware of any residents or fellows needing alternate accommodation for a period of self-isolation due to their current living situation being impractical for such isolation, please inform the PGME office. We may be able to assist in identifying low cost alternatives.

New Canadian residents and fellows for July 2020

We have been asked to provide advice to inquiries from these prospective Canadian trainees concerning travelling to Alberta. At present there are no intra-provincial travel bans or requirements for self-isolation on arrival. However, flight travel remains hazardous and there is a risk of COVID-19 exposure with travel. At the present time, we advise new Canadian trainees to move to Edmonton well in advance of July 1, if possible, to accommodate a potential need for self-isolation. We also advise new trainees to stay up to date with local travel restrictions, if any.

Best regards

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

Dr. Ramona Kearney
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