



PGME COVID-19 Update 12

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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](#).

Electives Clarification

The update on electives presented to you in last week's update refers to both incoming and outgoing electives.

ARMC Survey Completion

Thank you to all CaRMS R1 participating program directors who completed the survey from the AFMC Resident Matching Committee for your prompt and timely completion. The survey was completed by 290 program directors across the country on issues related to the CaRMS R1 2021 match, specifically the proposed timelines of a delayed match process. This delay in the timelines is being considered due to the interruption of the educational programs of the MD Classes of 2021.

Royal College Statement re: Extension of Training

The Royal College is preparing a document to assist program directors in decisions concerning the competence of their residents with respect to the possible need for extensions of training. This will apply to residency programs - both time-based and CBD as well as the AFC program for diploma candidates. We anticipate this document in the next week.

The CFPC has already provided guidance on this issue for Family Medicine programs.

Plans for new Academic Year

We continue to receive many questions concerning the following issues: a July 1st start and a virtual orientation process for new incoming residents; a blended orientation and transition to residency for AIMG program and PEAP trainees. Please be reassured that as soon as we have any new information it will be communicated to you. The postgraduate deans meet weekly to discuss these issues and we meet biweekly with all PG stakeholders on a national level. A Pandemic Contingency Education Planning Committee has been created with multi stakeholder involvement whose task will be to develop guiding principles for the way forward on related issues.

May 4 PGME executive committee meeting

I want to extend an invitation to any residency program director to join our executive meeting on Monday for the purpose of keeping you up to date. Normally this committee is attended by program directors of core programs, representatives of smaller and subspecialty programs as well as PARA, PGME subcommittee chairs and resident reps. Agendas and invitations will be circulated.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ramona Kearney".

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