

## **PGME COVID-19 Update 13**

**May 6, 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](#).

### **CaRMS timelines**

The CaRMS R1 match timelines for the class of 2021 have been confirmed by the Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC) board. The AFMC board is composed of the Deans of the 17 Faculties of Medicine and up to 4 public members.

The AFMC Board has made the following decisions regarding the 2021 R-1 Match:

- Interviews will be in a virtual format including those for local candidates
- The match timeline will be:
  - The Last Day of the Application Period: February 7, 2021
  - The File Review Period: February 8 to March 5, 2021
  - The Virtual Interview Period: March 8 to March 28, 2021
  - The Second Iteration Match Day being no later than: May 18, 2021

The full May 4, 2020 announcement is available here: <https://afmc.ca/en/node/357>

The complete set of timelines will be available later. Decisions concerning the components of the application will be made by the AFMC Resident Matching Committee (ARMC) in the coming months.

### **RCPSC survey on the 2020 Competence by Design (CBD) launch**

Thank you to those programs who completed the 2020 CBD launch survey. 290 residency program directors from across the country responded. Responses for readiness to launch were quite variable as expected. The Royal College will meet with the postgraduate deans soon to plan the way forward. Please continue to prepare your programs as though the launch will go forward as this is very likely. Please advise the CBD team of any assistance you need.

### **Program orientation activities for July 2020**

Many programs have orientation activities for their new residents such as boot camps or simulations. Most of these activities will need to be modified and delivered remotely. The office of PGME is working with Academic Technologies in our Faculty to support this transition. If you require assistance in converting your existing educational activities please contact Erin Blazey, Team Lead, Resident Education at [pgtmld@ualberta.ca](mailto:pgtmld@ualberta.ca).

### **RCPSC resources**

The Royal College has developed resources for teaching and learning in a virtual world that they are sharing with you. They can be found here: <http://www.royalcollege.ca/rcsite/documents/about/covid-19-virtual-teaching-resources-e>

These are resources for both teachers and learners. In addition, free access is provided to the CAnMEDS Teaching and Assessment Tools Guide which provides a wealth of actual tools that can be used in your program.

### **Recording Leaves of Absence**

This is a reminder that all leaves of absence related to COVID-19 require completion of a Leave of Absence form noting COVID-19 as the reason for the benefit of AHS and WCB. In addition, update the PGME [COVID-19 Residents on Quarantine Form](#) every time your daily number of residents on quarantine changes. This gives our office the big picture of resident availability.

### **MCC**

The MCC announced their plans for resuming the Part 1 examination using remote proctoring via Prometric. This will begin in June for the cohort of those applicants scheduled for the April/May session.

The full May 1, 2020 announcement is available here: <https://mcc.ca/news/mcc-offers-the-mccqe-part-i-via-remote-proctoring/>

Best regards,



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