

**To:** All Medical Students (OKC and Tulsa)  
**CC:** Course/Clerkship Directors and Coordinators  
**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2020  
**Subject:** Effective 1 p.m. 3/19/20 | Suspending Direct Patient Care for All Medical Students

The College of Medicine will restrict medical students from participating in direct patient care starting at 1 p.m. today (3/19/2020) and ending no sooner than 8 a.m. Monday, April 6. This applies to students on all courses, clerkships, selectives, or electives, both on and off campus. We ask that students avoid all clinical care environments during this time.

Clinical rotations will continue in a revised format as determined by the director. The director will notify you soon of any changes in instructional or assessment activities. Much of the clerkship delivery will continue through distance education technologies (e.g., Zoom). Students may be asked to come to campus for certain activities (e.g., exams) and should not leave town at this time. Social distancing recommendations will be followed for any on-campus activities.

The college is aware that this may raise questions regarding issues such as grading, ranking, graduation requirements, and commencement. We are actively discussing these issues with college faculty and national organizations. We will keep you updated. Please check your email regularly, especially emails from your course/clerkship directors and the dean's office.

Sincerely,

Christopher Candler, MD, EdD  
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
The University of Oklahoma College of Medicine