

To: PA Program
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Subject: Update from Dr. Yozzo | COVID-19

PA-1 students:

We are now officially in remote mode with the didactic curriculum through the end of the semester. Students will continue to have access to campus at this time. Groups of 10 or less, including all individuals in a room, are still allowed for academic activities. The PA program offices will not have regular open hours during this period; students needing to visit in person for any reason will need to make an appointment. Meeting by phone or Zoom is encouraged. Students will continue to have access to the BSEB if they need a quiet place to study, but are reminded to practice social distancing and excellent personal hygiene. No one should be on campus who has any viral symptoms, has had a possible COVID-19 exposure, or has not completed screening plus any required self-isolation following out of state travel.

Do not hesitate to email me, course instructors, academic advisors, or staff with your questions. The Program is still here to support you, just spending more hours tied to our laptops at home.

PA-2 students:

The PA Program has been approved to move forward with a plan for the clinical year which completes required clinical experiences and preserves the originally scheduled graduation date. This plan includes a break from clinical experience for the next two scheduled rotations (April and May). You will then complete all remaining rotations on a three week schedule rather than the four weeks we have traditionally scheduled. Additional assignments will be required to supplement the clinical hours for each rotation. You will begin to receive assignment information in April to allow you to continue your studies now; assignments will be due during each rotation. With Clin-IQ and MPM course requirements also to be completed, this is really not a pause in your education but rather a new plan for meeting the same educational objectives. I'm sure there will be lots of questions, please be patient as we work through this. You will be receiving more detailed information from the clinical faculty as we continue to build solutions in a fluid environment.

Stay well!

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