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Dear colleagues,

Our focus is beginning to shift to “the new normal,” which includes catching up on postponed clinical care and resuming participation in training activities, all in the context of an ongoing pandemic. Over the next few weeks, more surgeries and procedures will be scheduled, and health maintenance visits will expand. Click [here](#) to read the UC Health Executive Vice President’s principles for resuming deferred and preventive care. We will also continue planning for graduation, on-boarding and orientation, and the eventual return of medical students to our teams.

Many of you have already asked great questions about these issues, and we welcome your ideas and your input. We plan to focus our next **GME town hall** on Thursday, May 7th, at 12pm planning and anticipating the next steps in this journey. I hope you will join us. As always, we welcome your questions and input. [Please click here](#) to submit questions you would like us to address, or suggestions you have for future planning.

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Safety – Issues related to your personal safety and the safety of our patients.

- **Reusable face shields:** By now, most of you should have received your personal face shield. While my last email stated that the shields would be distributed by program, in the end the health system set up a distribution system at SMH and RRUMC for all. Please let us know if you have questions about this, or if you still need a face shield.
- **Donning and Doffing UVGI Decontaminated N95s:** A new standard operating procedure is available for your review. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Clinical trial volunteers needed:** Research teams from University of Washington, NYU and UCLA are conducting a COVID-19 Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Study. [Learn more here.](#)
- If you haven’t already done so, **please complete the online PPE training on the [MedHub](#) platform.**
- **Check the [Mednet COVID-19 resources website](#) to stay up to date with the latest UCLA Health policies.**

Support Resources – Information about well-being, access to care, resources, child care, housing and more.

- **Mayor’s Childcare Stipend Program:** UCLA is receiving funds from the Mayor’s Office to help meet the childcare needs of the workforce during the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible employees can receive \$100 per shift, up to a maximum of three shifts, for a total of \$300 per week. [Learn more here.](#)

- [Childcare Assistance Application \(English\)](#)
- [Childcare Assistance Application \(Spanish\)](#)
- [The City of Los Angeles Emergency Childcare Program Overview](#)
- [Los Angeles County Department of Public Health: Guidance for Early Childhood Education Providers](#)
 - [Bright Horizons Contract for House staff](#): Access to “crisis care” has been extended through 5/15)

COVID Exposure Concerns – What to do if you have been, or believe you have been, exposed to COVID-19.

- No new updates today.

Affiliate sites – Status and safety updates about our affiliate sites.

- **VA:**
 - All admissions to the VA are now tested for COVID-19 utilizing a rapid test, with a 2-hour turnaround time.
 - COVID status is now posted on a yellow banner in the EMR at VA.
 - Code Blue and Rapid Response Teams will have access to Level 2 PPE at the patient room door for all COVID + and PUI patients.
- **LAC**
 - Pre-op testing for H&N, Thoracic Surgery and some Plastic Surgery Cases is now routine. In addition, all admissions are being tested, utilizing a rapid test.

Your Education – How the COVID-19 pandemic will impact you as learners.

- As stated above, we need to plan together to place everyone back on the path to successful completion of education and training. We would love to [hear from you](#) as we plan this journey.

Finally, a shout out to the Internal Medicine and Critical Care teams covering the 4 ICU. *They expanded to 3 teams today.* A special thank you on behalf of the patients you care for.

My best,

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