Dear Colleagues,

First and foremost, thank you – each and every one of you – for your extraordinary work during this trying time. We are here to support you, as members of our medical community and as human beings, in every way possible.

I am going to organize my updates to you by the categories my team and I are hearing are most urgent and important to you. If we are missing something, please let us know. You can always reach out to me directly, contact any member of the GME team or email our inbox which is closely monitored GME@mednet.ucla.edu.

UPDATES 3/26/20

• **Safety – Issues related to your personal safety and the safety of our patients.**
  - As of yesterday, hospital-launched scrubs have been approved for Emergency Department residents. Other requests are being prioritized by the UCLA Health Command Center team
  - PPE update
    - Masks: A UC system-wide decision about wearing surgical masks in patient care areas is pending.
    - **Aerosolizing procedures in the cath lab will utilize OR protocol.**

• **Support Resources – Information about well-being, access to care, resources, child care, housing and more.**
  - I am delighted to share that UCLA Health/DGSOM has secured a partnership with [Bright Horizons Additional Family Supports](https://www.brighthorizons.com) during the COVID-19 outbreak to help you find:
    - Sitters, nannies, housekeepers, and pet sitters through a premium account on Sittercity — including a waived membership fee ($150 value) and free basic background checks
    - Senior care solutions, including care companions, an online needs assessment, senior housing search and evaluation tools, and more
  - In addition to the above, Bright Horizons Additional Family Supports also offers ongoing support for:
    - Full-time child care in a Bright Horizons center, where you can jump ahead on the wait list
    - Tuition discounts for full-time child care with one of our high-quality partner centers
    - Discounted online tutoring and test prep
  - In addition to these Bright Horizons resources, many of our own DGSOM MS1 students have self-organized to volunteer to help our UCLA front line healthcare providers and maintenance staff.
    - Please fill out the [Childcare and Household Management Request Form](https://www.brighthorizons.com) if you are interested in their generous offer of support.
• Back-up Care (aka “crisis” care) will be available starting 4/15/2020 and to stay tuned for additional information.
• Campus-based efforts to expand the availability are ongoing. We will provide updates on those efforts as soon as we have them.

• **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.
  • Olive View PPE
    ➢ Dr. Rima Matevosian has asked than any concerns about PPE be brought immediately to the attending physician’s attention who will notify the chief of service.
    ➢ You may also contact Medical Administration during the day: (747) 210-3025
  • CSMC: Universal masking will be implemented tomorrow

• **Your Education** – How the COVID-19 pandemic will impact you as learners.
  • The ACGME [released guidance for program and institutional surge planning](#).

Once again, thank you for all that you do.

My best,

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