



Dear All,

As we continue to navigate this dynamic situation we would like to share with you updates as they become available. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have additional questions.

Volunteer Opportunities

There is a critical blood shortage at our Blood and Platelet Centers. For those of you who wish to donate, please consider scheduling a lifesaving donation. Additional details can be found [here](#).

For additional volunteer opportunities, please see the [LA COVID-19 Volunteers](#) website for more information.

Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) endorsed Medical Education Committee (MEC) Decisions

Updated Policy Timely Submission of Clerkship Grades

The deadline to submit core clerkship course grades will be 6 weeks from the conclusion of the course. However, every effort will be made by the leadership of each clerkship to complete this assessment in advance of the deadline.

CLASS YEAR	UPDATES
MS1	<p>Town Hall Information: Tuesday, April 21st at 5 PM. Please continue to share your questions with us via Qualtrics. To join the meeting on Tuesday, Please click here and insert Password: DGSOM2023</p> <p>Congratulations on completing Block 4 and we look forward to working with you in Block 5!</p>
MS2	<p>The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) endorsed Medical Education Committee (MEC) decisions as they relate to your class:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerkships will start remotely on May 18th. During the period when direct patient care is still on hold, the remote portions of each clerkship will be stacked sequentially in the beginning of the year. We have outlined four potential times during the academic year in which we could migrate back to patient care activities based upon circumstances at the time. The earliest of these dates is June 29, 2020. In order to provide students with sufficient advance notice and plan for re-integration of third-year students into the clinical arena, the decision to move forward with clerkship experiences in the clinical setting must be made at least one month prior to the transition date. • 50% or more of each clerkship will consist of patient care activities. • Grading: 4 - Tier • Exam: At the end of the current remote period or after the clinical experience later in your MS3 year (your choice!) • MSTP students will not be required to complete Transition to Clerkships prior to leaving for the PhD curriculum, except for MSTP



- students who opt to complete one or more core clerkships prior to leaving the MD curriculum.
- Students will not log duty hours during the remote curriculum. Clerkship chairs will provide a quantitative sum of weekly hours anticipated for preparation and participation in the remote curriculum, and that shall serve as the measure of duty hours during the remote curriculum component of COVID-impacted clerkships. Duty hours will be logged as per usual during the direct patient care component.
 - USMLE Step I deadline change amendment: For any day missed during either Transition to Clerkships or a core clerkship, the course chairs will determine how and what content will need to be made-up.

MS3

The Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) endorsed Medical Education Committee (MEC) decisions as they relate to your class:

- For the subset of students who have completed the remote portion of their clerkships (specifically students currently enrolled in AM, FM, IM, OB, and PEDS) who would like to fill this time with non-clinical electives, you may enroll in three weeks of Research (details listed [here](#)) or the non-clinical EDU-MD150.01 Curriculum Development course from April 27th – May 15th. Please consult the course description in MyCourses and if you are interested, add yourself to the waitlist for this course in MyCourses for 04/27/2020 - 05/15/2020. Dr. Napolitano will approve you from the waitlist and can answer any additional course-specific questions you may have.
- For students with remaining clerkships that need to be completed:
 - a. These core clerkships will start on May 18th at the same time as the rising MS3 class, to provide an optimal learning experience for students.
 - b. These students will have the flexibility of completing all required coursework for Foundation for Fourth Year by the end of the spring semester (deadline is July 5th, 2020). As the majority of content addressed by Foundation for Fourth Year will be useful preparatory material for advanced clinical electives, you are encouraged to view relevant components of Foundation for Fourth Year in advance of these experiences.

Clerkship specifics depicted below

Date your Clerkship Began	Updates
February 10, 2020 (Peds & OB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 wks. clinical 1 wk. remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: 4 - Tier • Exam : May be taken on April 20th OR subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
February 10, 2020 (Surgery)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 wks. clinical 7 wks. remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: 4 - Tier • Exam: May be taken on May 1st OR subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
March 9, 2020 (IM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 wk. clinical 4 wks. remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: Yes; 3 wks. • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on May 1st, subsequent Friday test dates OR after the clinical experience in



		your MS-4 year (your choice!)
	March 9, 2020 (AM & FM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 wk. clinical 3 wks. Remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
	March 9, 2020 (Neuro)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 wk. clinical 3 wks. remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
	March 9, 2020 (Psych)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 wk. clinical 3 wks. remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
	March 23, 2020 (Peds & OB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 wks. clinical 4 wks. Remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: Yes; 2 wks. • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on May 1st, subsequent Friday test dates OR after the clinical experience in your MS-4 year (your choice!)
	April 6, 2020 (AM & FM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 wks. clinical 2 wks. Remote • Additional Clinical Time Required: Yes; 2 wks. • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on May 1st, subsequent Friday test dates OR after the clinical experience in your MS-4 year (your choice!)
	April 6, 2020 (Neuro & Psych)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0 wks. clinical 4 wks. Remote curriculum with tele-/video-medicine patient encounters • Additional Clinical Time Required: No • Grading: Credit/No Credit • Exam: May be taken on May 1st OR subsequent Friday test dates on or before 5/15.
MS4	Town Hall Information: Friday, April 24th at 4 PM. Please continue to share your questions with us via Qualtrics . To join the meeting next Friday,	



	Please click here and insert Password: DGSOM2020 Looking forward to discussing graduation at the Town Hall next week!
LOA Students	Town Hall Information: You are welcome to join any town hall(s) you would like. Please continue to share your questions with us via Qualtrics .

All our best,

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