



Dear All,

As we continue to navigate this dynamic situation we wanted to share with you updates as they become available.

Zoom Events

- **COVID -19 Webinar:** We invite all of you to participate in our COVID-19 Zoom webinar (required for MS3s) **today** from 3-5pm.
- Dr. Valencia Walker will be providing a presentation on health disparities in public health response from 3-4pm and Dr. Jeff Klausner will be providing a Q&A on the public health response nationally and locally from 4-5pm. If you would like to attend please do so by registering here: https://uclahs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OBD-cTtJQSul3S2jrAutwQ and joining the session.
- **Optional MS2 Step 1 Q and A Session:** This Friday, April 3rd at 2 PM to address questions that we may not have covered in the FAQ document. For additional details, please check out Dr. Miller’s Frequently asked questions about Step 1 email sent out last night.
- **All Student Town Hall:** We will be hosting another all student Town Hall next Tuesday, April 7th at 5:00pm. Please share your questions with us [via Qualtrics](#). On the day of the event, please click [here](#) to join us for the webinar.

We have received some inquiries regarding the status of the 2020-21 Academic Calendar. At this point, there are no plans to update the 2020-21 academic calendar.

Additional updates are listed below by class. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have additional questions.

CLASS YEAR	UPDATES
MS1	<p>We are continuing to work with our Block 4 Chairs to convert the final exams (Anatomy, Computer, MSK) to an online, remote format. Additional exam details will be finalized and emailed to you tomorrow.</p> <p>Dr. Stark has previously communicated specific anatomy exam details, built in many “test yourself” pages to help you prepare for this new online format, and will be hosting a few Q&A session before the exam. Should you have questions on how best to study for the remote format or have any questions regarding the anatomy curriculum and the block 4 anatomy exam please reach out to Dr. Stark directly and she would be happy to answer your questions.</p>
MS2	<p>We have uploaded the most up-to-date version of the Step 1 Frequently Asked Questions (that were emailed to you yesterday) to Box.</p>



MS3	<p>We still do not have an update on when away rotations will be available.</p> <p>Clerkship activities will remain remote for clerkships starting on 4/6. Thank you for your continued feedback on how this is going. We are continuing to meet with the Clerkship Chairs regularly to check in and discuss best practices and modifications to the remote learning environment.</p> <p>In addition we are liaising with our clinical affiliate hospital leadership to assess the current state of COVID-19 at those hospitals and health systems. As soon as we have updates regarding returning to patient care activities in these hospitals we will communicate that information with you.</p> <p>As previously communicated the Foundations for Fourth Year Course Leadership is migrating the course to a remote format using Zoom.</p> <p>Many of you have reached out and inquired about going home or staying in town. Unfortunately, we cannot predict the duration of remote learning and when you'll need to be in Los Angeles for the resumption of education in the clinical setting. While it's our hope that you stay local in the event of a surge when students may be called upon for support, at the same time we understand the desire of some of you to be with loved ones now who are out of town. Please have a low threshold for reaching out to any of our Deans or program leadership to discuss your individual circumstances. For those of you considering travel, please reference the CDC website for guidance.</p>
MS4	<p>We know many of you have questions about Graduation. This is a top priority and we are actively discussing and planning for this event. We will provide you an update soon. Please stay tuned.</p>
LOA Students	<p>Depending on capacity and need of the Peer Educator Course you may be eligible to volunteer to teach the third-year students. To be eligible, you need to be a rising MS4, completed all clerkships, and be in good academic standing. Should you meet the criteria and be interested in <u>volunteering</u>, please fill out the Qualtrics form here.</p>



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