Dear All,

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

Anti-Racism Efforts

As part of our commitment to the DGSOM Anti-Racism Roadmap, we have been actively working with and listening to faculty, staff, and students to formulate short- and long-term action plans to advance meaningful change across our educational enterprise. We are excited to share a few highlights from that work with you today.

Addition of the Structural Racism & Health Equity Theme Chair

The Structural Racism & Health Equity Theme Chair at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA will work together with all Block, Thread, Clerkship, Systems Based Healthcare and College Chairs to ensure a robust focus on anti-racism, structural and social determinants of health and health equity throughout all four years of the medical school curriculum. We are grateful to have had many outstanding candidates apply for this role, and it is our goal to select the chair over the next two weeks. We anticipate the chair will participate in Block 1 and Block 6 activities. The selection process will include both faculty and student input.

Curriculum Inventory

A joint effort is beginning between Curricular Affairs Leadership and Students for an Anti-Racism Curriculum to assess all DGSOM curricular activities and assessments for evidence of bias or structural racism. This initiative will also offer faculty responsible for creation and delivery of curricular content guidance in adding additional elements to their sessions to provide a clearer focus on structural determinants of health in our curriculum.

Common Book Series

The Common Book for this year is *How To Be An Antiracist*. With outstanding student involvement, we are working to incorporate several small group discussions on the book into our pre-clerkship curriculum. We are also collaborating with course and thread leadership to ensure that key concepts from the book are revisited during lectures and small group sessions throughout our coursework.

Enrolling in UCLA Health Symptom Tacker

All students should complete UCLA Health’s daily symptom tracker and must monitor yourself for symptoms daily. To enroll, please follow this
link: https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bUs2HsqqgM5v6t?new_reg=1 and complete the form using the information provided below:

- For Supervisors Name please insert Curricular Affairs.
- For Primary work site please select Ronald Reagan Hospital (RRMC).
- For Job Category please select Student.

Curriculum Search Now Available in Gryphon

With the new update to Gryphon you now have the option to search the curriculum directly through the learning management system. To access this feature, navigate to the Curriculum tab within Gryphon and select Curriculum Search. Explore using a Boolean search, curriculum tags, keywords, etc.

Face Shield Distribution for all Students

All students should obtain face shields before participating in any patient care or on-campus activities. Please note, you will receive two face shields: UShield for clinical use and iShieldMax for classes/admin work/meetings/etc. Please bring your ID badge to Materials Management to pick up your shields on Monday-Friday during normal business hours (8 AM-4:00PM) at the following locations:

- Ronald Reagan: B-301
- Santa Monica Hospital: B-415

Status of Shadowing Experiences

Given the current local situation related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the infection prevention guidelines regarding social distancing, shadowing experiences are on hold at this time.

Sunsetting of the HBD Email Address

Should you need to reach out to the Curricular Affairs Office for any reason, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at the CA@mednet.ucla.edu email address. The HBD email address has been terminated and will no longer be will no longer receive emails.

Town Hall recordings are available here.

Volunteer Opportunities

A message from the UCLA Blood & Platelet Center: We are currently facing a blood shortage during the COVID-19 crisis. While our UCLA patient need for blood products continues to increase, we would encourage you to please consider scheduling a lifesaving donation. Additional details can be found here. If you or someone you know has recovered from COVID-19 infection and are interested in donating convalescent plasma for patient treatment, consider registering as a potential plasma donor at https://www.uclahealth.org/gotblood/covid-19-plasma-donation.

For additional volunteer opportunities, please see the LA COVID-19 Volunteers website for more information.
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**MS1s** | **Follow Up to 7/23 Town Hall** |  
Thank you for joining us for the Town Hall 7/23. It was wonderful to get to see you and engage with you in the remote setting! The recording of the Town Hall will soon be accessible [here](#).  
As discussed during our session, if you have specific concerns regarding your unique personal circumstances, we encourage you to reach out directly to Dr. Braddock or your Assistant Deans for a discussion.

**Intro to the Ashe Center, UC SHIP and Immunization Requirements**

Representatives from the UCLA Arthur Ashe Student Health Center will host a session to share information about the Student Health Center, the Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP), and the process to waive out of UC SHIP with documentation of comparable coverage. They will also be able to answer questions you may have about immunization requirements.

**Computing requirements and IT Connect**

We encourage everyone to complete their IT onboarding and computer encryption prior to the first day of school. For all the information about IT onboarding and requirements, please visit: [https://it.uclahealth.org/about/dgit/getting-started/onboarding-students](https://it.uclahealth.org/about/dgit/getting-started/onboarding-students)

IT Connect is available for virtual support Monday to Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM: [https://it.uclahealth.org/about/dgit/dgit-support/it-connect](https://it.uclahealth.org/about/dgit/digit-support/it-connect)

**MS2** | **Update to Large Groups for Afternoon Sessions** |  
A big thank you to all of you who participated and to your MSC Leadership, Ami and Nonye, for soliciting your Clinical Skills 2 Small Group Preferences. We have uploaded your newly updated large groups into Gryphon within the Block 6 course files. If you have any questions about your groups, please reach out to us at CA@mednet.ucla.edu.

**2020-21 Textbook Listing**

Your textbook and Equipment list can be found online [here](#).

**Year 2 Preceptorship**

In the next month we will be working to match you up with your Year Two preceptor. If you would like to keep your Year One Preceptor or would like to recommend a Preceptor, please reach out to our Curriculum Coordinator Ashley Wade at ARWade@mednet.ucla.edu.
**MS3 Family Medicine Clerkship Update**

As a result of COVID-19, some of our Family Medicine sites have limited or no capacity for accepting students. Because of this, the Clerkship Chairs have made the decision that for the 2020-21 Academic Year, the Family Medicine Clerkship will remain “COVID Impacted.” Students will participate in two weeks of a remote experience and two weeks of direct patient care.

**Shelf Exam Updates**

**Remote Exam Administration**

We continue to be uncertain when we will be able to host in-person exams. It is our recommendation that if at all possible, you sit for your exams remotely, and no later than the end of your direct patient care portion of the clerkship. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent you from taking your shelf exams in the remote environment, please reach out to your Assistant Dean or to Student Affairs at DGSOMSAO@mednet.ucla.edu.

**Clarification about IM Shelf Exams**

For increased flexibility this year, the Clerkship Chairs have allowed you the option to sit for your IM Shelf Exam:

- After the remote portion of your IM clerkship
- After the direct patient care portion or your IM or AM clerkship

Students must sit for the IM shelf exam by the end of the direct patient care portion of their IM or AM clerkship, whichever is later on their schedule.

**MS4 Residency Explorer Update**

We want to make sure you’re aware that the AAMC’s Residency Explorer tool has been updated and is now available with the inclusion of even more specialties.

The AAMC has expanded from 11 to 23 the number of specialties in the tool, which enables you to compare your profile to the profiles of current residents who matched at each program over the recent years. Please log onto the site with your AAMC ID number at https://www.residencyexplorer.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F

**LOA Students**

For students returning from leaves of absence or thinking about taking a leave of absence please continue to reach out to your specialty mentor, Assistant Dean, Program Director, Dr. Calmes or Dr. Miller regarding your individual schedules and unique circumstances.
All our best,

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