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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. Town Hall recordings are available [here](#).

Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs Announced

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Jason Napolitano as the Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Dr. Napolitano will assume his new role on June 1, 2020.

NBME Updates

- The NBME is exploring remote proctoring, delivery at alternate sites (including medical schools), and additional solutions to resume testing and to address testing backlog and capacity constraints for USMLE Step 1, Step 2 CK, and Step 3.
- At this time the NBME is **not** offering a remote option for the Ambulatory Care shelf exam. We will provide updates as soon as we receive updated information from the NBME regarding this exam.
- We encourage you to refer to the resources on the [Step 1 Resources](#), [MS3 Resource Folder](#) and [COVID-19 Resources](#) folders for further guidance and information.
- As always, do also check the [Prometric](#) and [NBME](#) websites regularly for updates.

SIM Center Resources

The UCLA Simulation Center has acquired three free virtual simulation resources to augment your remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please find the instructions on how to access these [resources attached](#).

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 someone 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.

Class Updates

Class Year	Updates 5/4/20
MS1	<p>We continue to monitor the dynamic COVID-19 pandemic regarding when we will be able to resume on-campus instruction. At this time, we are making preparations to deliver the curriculum on campus and in-person starting with Block 6: Foundations of Medicine II beginning on August 3, 2020. About one month in advance of this date, we'll make a decision about whether this will still be possible, or if we'll be starting the academic year with remote learning activities.</p>
MS2	<p>WELCOME TO YOUR THIRD YEAR!</p> <p>You have reached a very exciting part of your medical school curriculum and the entire curriculum team for Transition to Clerkships course welcomes you! Should you have questions about the course, please do not hesitate to reach out to ttc@mednet.ucla.edu.</p> <p>MyCourses Scheduling Updates</p> <p>We are working diligently to update your schedules in MyCourses to be reflective of the remote clerkships starting on 5/18. We thank you for your continued patience as we update schedules for every student.</p>
MS3	<p>Off-cycle Student Scheduling</p> <p>We are actively working on a plan to address off-cycle student scheduling and look forward to providing you with updated schedules in MyCourses shortly.</p> <p>NBME Shelf Exams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ambulatory Care shelf exam is still not available to take remotely. We will be in touch as soon as we receive further updates from the NBME. • If you have questions regarding additional NBME shelf exam scheduling please reach out to the Student Affairs Office at DGSOMSAO@mednet.ucla.edu. • NBME Shelf Exam Grades for Credit/No Credit Clerkships: We continue to await guidance from the AAMC on the recommended format for this year's MSPE to inform its format to guide how the shelf exam scores will be reflected for Clerkships that are graded Credit/No Credit. We will continue to share updates with you as we have them. <p>We Are Planning Another Town Hall For Your Class</p> <p>We look forward to the opportunity to connect with you at an upcoming town hall (date is pending). In the interim Please continue to share your questions with us via Qualtrics.</p>
MS4	<p>Required PPE E-Learnings</p> <p>Thank you for joining us last Friday for Dr. Vijayan's lecture and discussion! We request that each of you complete this learning module in Gryphon before Friday, May 29, 2020. You can also access the modules by logging into Gryphon and selecting "My Exams" on the left side of the screen and then selecting PPE E-learning.</p> <p>Graduation Questionnaire Reminder</p> <p>Reaching out again to request that you please complete your Graduation Questionnaire (GQ) from the AAMC.</p>

	<p>Commencement Update</p> <p>We look forward to celebrating you and your accomplishments in the Hippocratic Oath Ceremony on May 29. There is a large committee working on details for a compelling and exciting Virtual Commencement.</p> <p>Please be sure to submit your videos and photos to personalize your moment by <u>this Friday May 8th</u>. You should have received your personal Qualtrics link last Friday, and will receive additional reminders throughout this week. Please email Brandon if you have any questions, bsusselman@mednet.ucla.edu.</p>
LOA Students	<p>Addressing scheduling concerns for students returning from leaves of absence continues to be a priority. Please stay tuned for more details. Specifics will follow soon, and of course we continue to work with individual students on your unique circumstances.</p>

All our best,

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