

Dear AMS and Gateways Students,

The morning, the Dean's Leadership Council met to discuss the current situation around COVID-19 and I am writing to communicate some updates to all of you:

- We are continuing clinical clerkships and clinical electives at the present time. This is going to be monitored very carefully, and we will be meeting again tomorrow, as well as meeting with the clerkship and course directors, to review the ongoing situation and will make modifications as necessary.
- Students who were on inpatient internal medicine rotations at Kent Hospital should not report to Kent. Dr. George will be discussing options with Dr. Cahill and we will get back to those of you who were at Kent as soon as possible with a plan moving forward. Students on outpatient rotations at Kent Hospital should continue to report at this time.
- For students on clinical clerkships or rotations, do not report if you are ill. In addition, if any clinical student has any concerns about rotating at any clinical site, please contact us (me, Dr. George or Dr. Vrees) directly. This relates particularly to those of you who might have some immune compromise and should not be on clinical rotations at the present time, or if you have other concerns.
- We know that a number of you on clerkships have a shelf examination on Friday. We are considering options regarding the examination and will get back to you within the next several days.
- Students should not come into any medical school buildings unless there are essential in-person meetings that are approved by a member of the administration. For essential meetings, there should be distancing to minimize contact. This includes the buildings at 222 Richmond, 233 Richmond, and 225 Dyer. This means do not come into these buildings to study, dissect in anatomy, or participate in any other activities (including student interest groups).

I recognize that these are difficult times, and the situation continues to evolve locally and nationally. We will continue to reach out with updates. As always, contact us with any questions or concerns.

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