**Health Sciences Update**

GW Health Sciences is extending its suspension of clinical rotations and supervised clinical experiences for all students that involve direct patient contact through Tuesday, March 31st. Health Sciences has been in regular contact with university and school leadership, the respective health professions accreditation bodies, and many of our affiliated clinical partners and preceptors in making this decision. Given the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the status of these experiences continues to be re-evaluated regularly.

We understand disruption to clinical experiential activities is difficult for our students, faculty, and community partners. Additionally, we have heard from many students who are eager to be a part of the community response to this public health crisis. To that end, our clinical programs are sharing opportunities for involvement with our trainees and providing alternative learning activities, including education focused on coronavirus. Any students with concerns or those requiring personal assistance are encouraged to reach out to their faculty advisor. Additionally, the Health Sciences Office of Student Life & Academic Support offers a variety of resources and can be contacted for additional support at RaiseHighHS@gwu.edu.

Students within the Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, and Medical Laboratory Sciences programs are receiving guidance from their program faculty about alternative learning activities and individualized paths to complete clinical training. Every effort is being taken to minimize disruptions to the successful completion of training and readiness for practice. We are grateful for the flexibility and compassion being demonstrated by faculty, staff and students across our academic programs.