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The Daily Digest - GW Clinical Enterprise

This email is intended to serve as a digest of all messaging for our clinical faculty, students, and staff. We will send this email at the close of business each day, as we are managing daily operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This content will also be available at www.COVID19GWHealth.com - please refer to that site often, as we will be posting updates on a regular basis.

If you have feedback, please feel free to send to SMHSNews@gwu.edu.

Thank You from Leadership - We thank you for your tireless efforts as we move forward together!

The GW Medical Faculty Associates Updates

1. Schedules are being reduced for non-essential patient appointments through the end of this week.

2. Online scheduling has been pushed back two weeks.

3. A new triage area outside the Ambulatory Care Center on 22nd Street will be operational tomorrow for increased COVID-19 testing.

4. Telehealth is now live for emergency consultations, rheumatology and later in the week for psychiatry.

5. Telecommuting polices are now in effect for non-essential MFA employees. Managers should use the linked guidelines to speak with their employees about working from home.
**GW Hospital**

1. Upon entering the hospital, all individuals will undergo a health screening, including screening for fever, and travel history. If they exhibit any symptoms, they will not be permitted to enter.

2. All GW individuals must present a badge to access the hospital. You can only enter the hospital through the main lobby.

3. Hospital elective and non-urgent surgical will be cancelled from Monday, March 16 - Friday, March 20 to ensure that we can meet any surge in demand due to COVID-19. Any urgent cases will go on as planned. We will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions regarding future elective surgeries.

4. Hospital operations are 24/7 in order to meet the needs of our patients and community. Please talk to your supervisor about alternate staffing arrangements.

**The GW SMHS**

1. **Health Sciences Update**
   Effective Tuesday, March 17 through March 22, 2020, GW Health Sciences is suspending clinical rotations and supervised clinical experiences for all students that involve direct patient contact. Health Sciences has been in regular contact with the university and school leadership, the respective health professions accreditation bodies, public health officials, and many of our affiliated clinical sites in order to arrive at this decision. The health and safety of our students remain our top priorities. Given the dynamic nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, we will re-evaluate the suspension of clinical training on a weekly basis. Impacted students will receive guidance from their program faculty later today, including alternative educational assignments and support services. Programs are communicating this change to affected clinical sites and educational partners.

2. **Google Docs COVID-19 Student Updates Repository**
   The Dean's Office has created a site to keep relevant student updates in one place for your reference to help organize all the updates and emails you receive.

2. **FOR THE MD CLASS OF 2021 (current third years):**

   We hope you continue to be safe and we thank everyone who has reached out with support and appreciate your questions. As noted yesterday, you are not to report to your clinical settings, and we will update that decision on a weekly basis. We are working in accordance with guidance from the LCME/AAMC, your course directors, and curriculum committees in order to plan for how medical students can complete course requirements despite the pandemic. Do continue to learn, read, and complete
your alternative learning encounters and online student day sessions and assignments from your clerkship directors. Continue to prepare for your NBME exams too. We will continue to update you as we have new information.