Revised travel policy for health care-facing personnel

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The School of Medicine and Health Sciences (SMHS) and The GW Medical Faculty Associates is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Based on current information and public health guidance, school and MFA leadership have decided to adjust our domestic and international travel practices for our health care personnel.

Effective immediately, we are suspending all professional international and domestic travel for SMHS and MFA faculty, staff, and students in health care-facing positions. This means individuals who participate in the provision of health care services. This policy includes professional travel for both residents and students on medical rotations.

Our priority is to safeguard our health care workforce so that we can continue to meet the needs of our community. This policy will ensure that our personnel in health care-facing positions are present and fully prepared to meet additional healthcare demands within the National Capital Region should the need arise.

*Directors of clinical programs with students who are rotating at locations out of the D.C. region should use discretion when making decisions about required clinical assignments.*

**In order to limit exposure and to minimize use of PPE, medical students will be restricted from providing direct patient care to known/presumed patients with COVID-19. Students should still be included in the clinical care related discussions and learning.*