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Subject: UPDATE- COVID_19 Changes in Instruction- MUST READ

Importance: High

Dear Students:

Much has occurred over the weekend, and, as promised we are modifying based on new information. Although we have yet to see significant community spread, we believe there is enough reason to be concerned that we are moving immediately to more aggressive social distancing procedures. Beginning tomorrow all classroom-based activities for all students will be remote (online) only. This is inclusive of small groups, simulation and lectures in all years including Capstone. Clinical rotations will continue, but lectures for students will be moved to online. I want to reiterate that this is not because your health is immediately at risk. This is to reduce potential spread on our campus, thereby safeguarding the health of our critical healthcare workforce (including clinical students) and those who are at increased risk (elderly and immunosuppressed primarily). Here are a few things you need to know:

- All small groups and lectures for 1st and 2nd year students for tomorrow (Monday March 16th) are cancelled; material to be learned in these sessions will be forthcoming
- Capstone is cancelled. We will be working in the next several days to identify mechanisms by which we ensure that the competencies required in this course are met in alternative ways. This cannot be done immediately, so bear with us. But, it will be necessary to complete additional work in order to graduate- this will happen online or as assignments.
- Clinical rotations will continue in 3rd and 4th year. Remember that if you are traveling at all outside of St Louis, you should check in with student health as the travel recommendations are rapidly changing. If you are starting a clinical rotation, traveling at all is very unwise and likely to result in a delay of start for your clinical rotation.
- As they are non-essential, all student group activities are cancelled.

We will be moving meetings and some workers to remote over the next few days. We are all, however, available to you should you have questions or concerns. Thank you again for your flexibility and professionalism during this rapidly changing time.

Sincerely,

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