

1/6/21 – MS1/MS2 Student Return - Updates

Hello students,

Over the past few days, including at the Phase 1 meeting yesterday with several of your class officers in attendance, Dr. Chin, Dr. Poole, Phase 1 faculty, and I have been discussing your return to campus. After considering many factors related to the pandemic and your academic needs, we will proceed as planned with your return on January 19, but with a few adjustments, at least through the end of January, and longer if needed.

- POM in person clinical experiences will be suspended (ED shadowing, inpatient sessions, nursing sessions). The emergency department simulation will be offered remotely (details to follow).
- FRM small groups will continue to be virtual.
- PTP also will continue to be virtual, as it has been.
- POM small groups will be held in person, with appropriate PPE and physical distancing. CCEs will take place as scheduled in the Clinical Skills Center. CCE reviews will be done remotely or in person, depending on faculty and student preference (details to follow).
- POM GU/GYN sessions will be held as scheduled in the Simulation Center. (The January 15 session will be rescheduled for the students that missed it.)

I am sure that I forgot something here. You will get detailed instructions from each of your courses.

We will continue to follow all guidelines to minimize the risk of transmission of coronavirus in any of these settings. We also will let you know as soon as you are eligible to receive the vaccine. Remember to set up your account in MyChart so you are ready to make an appointment as soon as you hear that you can.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time. Thank you also for making the safest choices you can to keep yourself and others healthy!

Dr. Lesperance