

3/14/2020 – To Class of 2022 re: test centers closing

In an effort to ease your concerns with regard to Step 1 and the recent closures of some Prometrics Test Centers, I wanted to let you know that both Student Affairs and the Undergraduate Medical Education Office are closely monitoring the situation and will make every effort to minimize the disruption to your medical education. What we know as of today is that several test centers have closed throughout the United States, most with the intent, at this time, to open by late March or early April. We also know that this is a fluid situation, and certainly there is a potential for more test centers to close. Should there become a need for you to extend your eligibility period or change your test center, effective immediately the NBME is waiving their fees to do so.

At this time, we suggest that you do not make any changes to your intended test center location nor your test date. Rather, at this time, focus on your studies. We are all navigating these uncharted waters together, but know that we have the students' best interest at heart and will do what we can to mitigate any impact on your medical education. We will keep you informed of any changes to deadlines and requirements should this become necessary. If you have any questions or concerns, I ask that you please communicate to [registrar@upstate.edu](mailto:registrar@upstate.edu). I will then present your concerns and questions to the appropriate Deans and will respond to your class as more than likely your concern is also a concern of your classmates.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Martin Tse  
University Registrar