

6/16/2020 – MS3 Updates

Hello students,

We are glad to hear that many of you have been able to take your Step 1 exams or have them scheduled in the next two weeks. Remember to let the clerkship staff know right away if you schedule your exam during a clerkship. We still have not heard anything about the exam being given at Upstate or any nearby school. We will share any news as soon as we get it.

Some of you have started working on the pre-orientation clerkship content. This content needs to be completed before you start each clerkship in blocks A-F. For example, if you have Emergency Medicine in block E, you need to complete the “required online learning modules and assignments” on the EM Blackboard site before block E starts. I sent reminders yesterday to a few clerkships that I noticed had not posted their material yet and I think most of those got updated today. Note that you will have time in January to complete the content for the clerkships you have in blocks G-J.

Orientation will start on Monday June 29 and run through Thursday July 2. It will be a combination of live remote conferences, Blackboard assignments, and in-person sessions. Susan Anderson sent the schedule to Syracuse students. I will send out the Binghamton schedule soon (the ACLS providers are working on their dates).

You must complete the COVID Essentials course on Blackboard before June 29.

All students, faculty, and staff need to do daily screening – using the Upstate self-screening tool (www.upstate.edu/selfscreen) or answering questions from a screener. We all must wear a mask all day long unless in a private space without anyone else present. We also need to maintain a physical distance of six feet from others whenever possible. Follow posted signs about maximum occupancy of conference rooms, break rooms, elevators, and other spaces.

Please remember that what you do outside of school hours matters, too. For the health and safety of you, your classmates, faculty, staff, and our patients, please follow the same guidelines when off campus as are expected on campus.

Clerkships start on Monday July 6. You will receive instructions from individual clerkships about where and when to go on July 6.

We are excited that you are starting clerkships. This will be a year to remember, in more ways than one! Thank you in advance for your patience as we all navigate our new COVID-influenced clinical and academic routines.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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