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WEEKLY *COVID RELIEF INITIATIVE* UPDATE

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Dear residents,

Welcome to McGill!

This weekly is meant to be an introduction to redeployment for all residents starting their training with us at McGill. As you may know, PGME, our teaching hospitals, our residency programs, and our faculty have been working very hard to ensure the care of hospitalized patients with COVID. This has been ongoing for the last 15 months, since the onset of the pandemic in March 2020.

However, rest assured, barring a massive, health care system paralyzing resurgence of COVID-19, redeployment is ceasing completely on **August 30, 2021**.

For the next period, we are only scheduling **1 resident per week** solely as back-ups in case of a massive surge in our ICUs. Unless a significant peak in COVID-related hospitalizations occurs, the odds of your being redeployed are very low. If your program identifies you as a backup, make sure you don't have any call that week in your base program, and if you do have call, notify the appropriate people that you might be redeployed so that call schedules can be adjusted.

Thank you again everyone, and have a great summer,

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Guidelines for Resident COVID Relief Assignments

Weekly confirmations and adjustment depending on need:

- The COVID-relief redeployment back-up assignments for Period 1 have been prepared.
- On a weekly basis, we will ask program directors to confirm the availability of residents for the following week so that our COVID-relief initiative coordinators can be ready to assign residents to COVID relief as needed.

Please see the following [CRI WEBSITE](#) links for standard COVID Relief Initiative information for [Residents](#), [Program Directors](#), [Administrators](#), [Service Chiefs](#)

RESIDENTS

- The COVID Relief Quality improvement survey is online: [link](#)
 - If you've been redeployed, please answer the survey to help PGME improve our redeployment process.
- Please remember to ensure that your redeployment is evaluated – please log onto one45, send the faculty who supervised you during your redeployment an assessment form.
- Please do not arrange redeployments directly with service chiefs. All COVID relief assignments need to be vetted by our COVID Relief Initiative Coordinators.
- Residents are allowed to go on electives in Quebec and anywhere in Canada. Electives outside of Canada are not allowed at this time.
- Residents are prioritized at COVID testing centers. You must show your hospital ID and have a RAMQ Medicare card ready. Non-RAMQ residents must provide their date of birth with their hospital ID.
- It is recommended that you review the [COVID 19: Recommendations to list isolation measures for health care workers](#). If you have to self-isolate following INSPQ protocol, you must contact your program director to arrange educational activities to do from home for the required time.
- PGME is committed to ensuring that residents maintain their training – if the number of COVID patients decreases, redeployed residents may get sent back to their regular rotation.
- If you're scheduled for the evening or night shift during your redeployment, please remember to rely on the COVID unit faculty support if you need assistance.
- **Residents can still apply for the [CMAF COVID-19 Support for Medical Learners Bursary](#) by completing the [CMAF Bursary Application Form](#) and the [Student Stipend Payment Authorization Form](#), and sending these to their Program Administrator to submit to PGME.**
- The hospitals are responsible for vaccine rollout: the CRI provides them with an updated list of redeployed residents every week.

Considering the additional toll that working in the front lines during the pandemic takes on health care providers, including residents, nurses, faculty, and orderlies, the WELL Office has provided a list of curated online resources under [Staying WELL During COVID-19](#). Residents and fellows are also encouraged to access one-on-one confidential [counselling services](#) at the WELL Office, should they need personal support.

The JGH has a COVID Crisis Counseling Hotline that residents can call 7 days a week, from 8:00 A.M to 4:00 P.M.: 514-265-6588

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

The programs assigned to provide residents for period 1 include:

PERIOD	1				
WEEK	1*	2	3	4	5
INTERNAL MEDICINE	1	1		1	
GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE					
RESPIROLOGY					1
INFECTIOUS DISEASES			1		

***Please be advised that P1 will have 5 weeks: the first week will run from June 28 – July 4, this week will cover the end of P13 and the beginning of P1.**

SERVICE CHIEFS

Redeployment is suspended due to low patient numbers. If the number of patients dramatically increases and you would like to request redeployment, please contact the COVID Relief Initiative team at redeployment.pgme@mcgill.ca.

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