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I regret to inform you that due to the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, the McGill University Undergraduate Medical Education Office is cancelling all upcoming electives for international students. Additionally, for now, we will not approve any new elective requests. We will reassess this decision regularly and let you know when we are once again able to welcome your students to McGill.

McGill University will reimburse the cost of electives minus a small administration fee. Unfortunately, we are not in a position to refund other out-of-pocket expenses such as travel, hotels, etc.

International medical students currently completing an elective at McGill can continue, as the risk of contracting the disease in Canada remains low as per the [Public Health Agency of Canada](#).

As I am sure you can appreciate, this is an extraordinary time. We must take these measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to safeguard our health care system, our patients and our broader community. Once this outbreak is contained, we look forward to receiving applications for electives from international students once again.

We thank you for your understanding. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact [Mary Cecere, Visiting Electives Coordinator](#).

Sincerely,

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