

## **COVID-19 and the Impact on the MDCM Curriculum**

Dear Students,

The coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is an unprecedented situation for you, our students, as well as for McGill, our health care system and the entire world. Firstly, thank you all for your understanding and patience during this global emergency. I would also like to thank the members of the MSS Executive for their valuable input on the various UGME task forces managing the current crisis.

Despite these exceptional circumstances, the UGME Office is committed to ensuring the highest quality medical education. We are also committed to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our students. My team and I are determined to move solutions quickly forward to maximize the use of remote learning so you can resume courses as soon as possible. While McGill's goal is to offer alternative learning methods by March 30, we succeeded in negotiating an earlier start date. We aim to launch remote learning soon. More information will be in this week's e-Digest.

Understandably, you have many questions about the curriculum and other issues. I again thank the MSS Executive for bringing your questions to my attention. My team and I will answer your questions and publish a Q&A in tomorrow's e-Digest. I don't have all of the answers, just yet, but know we are working tirelessly and making good progress. Additionally, to enhance communications and provide you with timely information, as of next week, we will publish e-Digest twice a week. I will also speak with the MSS Executive regularly.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding, as this situation continues to unfold. Most importantly, as a member of the health care community, I urge you to stay healthy and to follow directives to help protect our health care system and avoid putting others at risk.

Sincerely,

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