

Dear Students,

I wanted to provide you with a few important updates and to share a letter from The Association of Faculties of Medicine Canada about the close collaboration between the 17 Undergraduate Medical Education Deans.

Remaining in Montreal or Returning Home

In a memo issued Wednesday, McGill University gave out-of-town students permission to return home, if they wished, given there will be no in-person classes and no in-person sit-down examinations for the Winter term. However, the situation for undergraduate medical education students is a more nuanced given you are members of the health care community.

For our Clerks (both current Med 3 students and Med 2 students - scheduled to start Clerkship on July 27), I ask that you consider a few things before you leave Montreal. The UGME Office aims to resume clinical activities as soon as possible. However, we do not know exactly when this will happen and we might not be able to give you much advanced notice. Therefore, keep in mind, if you leave Canada, you will be subject to a 14-day self-isolation period and with the Canada-U.S. border closed, you may not be easily able to return to Montreal.

For Med 4 students, you should keep the same considerations in mind given you start residency training on July 1.

Obviously, whether to stay in Montreal or return home is a personal decision, but I wanted you to have the full picture.

Message for all DIM Students

DIM (Ophthalmology, Radiology, Surgery, Anaesthesia) is set to begin via Zoom on **Wednesday, March 25**. All students in DIM in Block 2 will begin ophthalmology on March 25 and are expected to complete the updated course requirements. Radiology will begin for all students on **March 30**. We'll send you more information relating to Surgery and Anaesthesia soon. The Academic Half Day will continue on Zoom as planned.

Students should check one45 for a complete schedule of learning activities. Updated course information will be located on myCourses as of Wednesday, March 25.

If you have any questions about DIM please contact [Monica](#).

ELEC 200 for Public Health

I know everyone is anxious to contribute to the fight against the coronavirus. I am developing a zero-credit elective that offers pre-Clerkship students the opportunity to gain experience in community-based projects and activities in the Montreal area. More information will be available next week.

I wish you a great weekend. Be a role-model for social distancing.

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