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I know it’s been a while since the last update — I’m trying to avoid unnecessary emails.

**FMC Outbreak Update**

We have been given clearance to return to (mostly) normal clerkship activities at FMC! I’m really happy that we are able to move forward with this. Site leadership and our departmental contacts have agreed that we can plan to return all mandatory and elective rotations to the site. The only restriction from site leadership is that clerks not attend to patients on units currently on watch or outbreak (FMC units 62 and 82 on outbreak, 57 on watch).

There may be some clerkship rotations that may still have specific restrictions because of limited clinical activity due to staff shortages from the outbreak and those clerkships have contacted students directly. If you have not been contacted by the administrator for the rotation that you are starting on Monday, November 2, you can assume that it will move forward as scheduled.

**Other Outbreaks**

We have established connections with the site leaders at each of the hospitals so that we can develop collaborative plans when other outbreaks occur. As these arise, we have a plan in place to bring together the site medical lead, myself or Dr. Naugler and any affected clerkship directors. Together we can come up with a plan that will balance safety for all with the provision of a sound educational experience.

I’ve become aware this afternoon of a new outbreak at PLC and we’ll forward further information after we’ve had a chance to work through the process described above.

**AUPE Job Action**

You are probably aware from the news that many hospital staff have staged a job action to protest plans for significant changes in how support services are provided in Alberta hospitals. This has the potential to impact the provision of clinical services, which in turn could affect your educational opportunities. At this time, I’m not aware of any rotations having to move students but it is possible that this could happen.

**AFMC PGME Resources**

I had forwarded information about this previously, but absolutely worth sending again: the AFMC has a valuable resource on their website ([https://afmc.ca/en/learners/r1-match](https://afmc.ca/en/learners/r1-match)). This is a repository of all of the various online meet and greet sessions being offered by the PGME programs across the country. We do also get emails from individual programs every now and then, and we do forward these to the class (I’d rather have you hear about these sessions twice than not at all).

I know that you are all aware that things are changing rapidly right now. The team in UME has made plans to deal with the challenges that we think are most likely (e.g. units with outbreaks) and being prepared to deal with the unexpected challenges when they arise. As things happen, we’ll continue to communicate our plans as quickly as we can.

Take care,

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