Few more updates!

**VOC Outbreaks**
Units 93 and 94 at RGH are currently on outbreak. Assessments are still ongoing around whether or not this is a VOC (variant of concern) outbreak and how widely things have spread (and the source of the infection). This will guide further decisions around the requirement for COVID testing. Given the prevalence of VOC, we’re temporarily moving clerks off these units, but the final decision awaits more input from the medical leads at RGH.

**Vaccinations**
Given that phase 2C is going to be arriving sooner than later, I have been asked by the committee that is dealing with vaccine roll out in Calgary to provide you with a letter that you can take when you are offered a vaccine. Please find a PDF attached that you can show that should smooth the waters. May not be needed as the plan is to use CPSA membership as the mechanism to prove that individuals are appropriately in phase 2C. However, I’d rather you have two ways to show you are in 2C than none!

**PPE Use**
Please remember to use PPE as advised by your preceptors and other staff. I was asked to remind you specifically about wearing your protective eyewear for all patient encounters as one of the medical site leaders had been given feedback that there were clerks not doing so. I don’t know about the veracity of that report but a general reminder about this isn’t going to hurt!

**EPA Assessments**
Please continue to work on your EPA assessments! You will need to have 43 completed successfully by the end of clerkship to give the Competency Committee good data to demonstrate that you are ready for graduation.

Remember that you can attempt as many EPA assessments as you want; they are a great way to get feedback on all aspects of your performance. There is no harm to having more than 43 and doing an EPA and not having a successful result also causes no harm.

**Missing Time in Clerkship**
This is mainly for the Tanukis, since the Limpkins are likely already aware of this.

If clerks have to miss time for any reason they will need to submit an absence request on OSLER. The absence request on osler goes directly to the clerkship director, evaluation coordinator and program coordinator of that rotation for approval. The student handbook has section on allowable time away before make up time is required.

In all cases, students submit the online absence form on OSLER and inform his/her attending/preceptor and senior resident. Students also should follow the guidelines regarding absences in the core document of each rotation (e.g. peds has very specific instruction on who you will need to contact).

Have a great Friday and a fantastic weekend!

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