FMC Outbreak Units
It's a long story, but throughout the pandemic, outbreak units at FMC have been off limits for students, while those at other sites did not have a restriction. After another long conversation with Calgary Zone and FMC medical leadership yesterday, we've finally come to the agreement that this will change. Moving forward, students may see patients on outbreak units at all sites. It's possible that situations may arise where exceptions have to be made, but for the most part, no restrictions.

The clerkships can still avoid outbreak units if they have the will and the space to do so.

I think this will make things much less confusing and reduce the inconvenience of having to move students to different sites mid-rotation. I've asked the clerkship leaders to reach out to their networks to plan to move any displaced students back to FMC next week as possible. There may be some delays for the information to get passed on, so please be patient.

Rapid Test Kits
Kits are available at the hospital sites; they are typically found in doc's lounges, call suites and are also available on some wards. Sorry — I can't be much more precise than that, because it's different at each site. They also do often arrive without notice, but, I will try to let you know when I hear ahead of time that there are some coming. Please be judicious — only take one kit (which has five tests) at a time. You are entitled to use these but please don't hoard them. I trust that you'll do the right thing.

Have a good weekend
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