Hey all

Sorry about this — throughout COVID its pretty common that we have ‘one more thing’ that comes along.

AHS is requiring all students (not just UME, but all learners in AHS facilities) to periodically demonstrate their ability to don/doff PPE properly.

The plan that has been developed will mean that all clerks will have to do this twice throughout the clerkship. We’ve set it up such that the requirement is for each student to have an observer verify their donning/doffing technique some time during the first week of MTU and ped's CTU (both are consistent inpatient rotations for every student). For the 2022s, this means that you’ll have zero, one or two of these depending on your particular schedule. For the 2023s everyone will do two.

AHS has determined that the nurses will be the main point of contact for doing the observation although any AHS staff can officially do the sign off. Each student will ask a nurse to do this and complete the attached PPE passport. You are then responsible for emailing Michelle (immune@ucalgary.ca) with your signed passport (sent after both the first and second times).

I realize that this is ‘one more thing’ that is being added to your time and the time of other health care workers. I’m not convinced that this is a great time to be rolling this out, but AHS has told me that this is being communicated widely to the nurses.

If you run into problems getting this done, please let me know by email. I do foresee there being many staff who aren’t aware of this, despite the communication that has been sent out, so may be a bit rocky to start with. As I say, please email me with problems and I will pass them on to the person managing this process from the AHS side.

Thanks
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