



PGME COVID 19 UPDATE

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FAQ

Many questions continue to be brought forward to PGME Assistant Deans and Directors. As you know, some of the recommendations regarding self-isolation and return to work policies continue to evolve. The FAQ section on the PGME website is updated daily and I would like to encourage you to check in intermittently as you may find answers to your questions posted there.

CPSA EMERGENCY REGISTRATION

I know there has been confusion around this issue. To summarize:

- Both universities have provided a list of eligible senior residents to CPSA. This is for the purpose of developing a census that will allow CPSA to reach out to residents to determine interest and move forward with emergency registration if appropriate.
- **For the moment, all trainees will continue in their resident role.**
- Further discussion is ongoing to address issues raised around insurance/benefits/remuneration and implications for educational program. I will provide details as they become available.

RESIDENT REDEPLOYMENT

The process of redeployment has started. I received requests from a number of clinical areas for additional trainees in Block 11 to help cope with a possible surge of COVID-19 patients. As you know, requests are vetted with your Program Directors before decisions are made regarding specific trainees.

I want to express my appreciation to the Program Directors for their collaborative spirit and hard work around this use. I am also very grateful to the many residents who are being redeployed under these very difficult circumstances. You are all making my task so much easier!

N95 FITTINGS AND SCRUBS

N95 fittings for residents took place at PGME throughout the day yesterday and today. I don't believe we have access to any additional masks at this point so not planning more sessions. AHS is working to organize these for any physician/resident who has not yet been accommodated. Many thanks to the RN from Eisan Consulting and also to PGME staff for their help in making this all happen.

Similarly, residents will have received email from Crystal Boisselle and Julie McEwan yesterday regarding hospital scrubs. PGME is able to support the cost of a single (1) set of scrubs for each trainee. Sign up sheets were circulated and the order was submitted earlier today. We are hopeful

that scrubs will be delivered next week and PGME will coordinate a pick up plan when that happens. Great teamwork from PGME staff to make this come together very quickly.

COMMUNICATION WITH RESIDENTS

A reminder to residents that I circulate information using resident and PD listserv. This comes from PGDean Email account. I do not typically monitor the inbox for that account so if a resident sends messages there I may not be aware. As you can imagine, my own inbox is quite full most days. If there are **non-urgent** issues residents feel need to be communicated to me directly please send to crystal.boisselle@ucalgary.ca

I hope everyone is able to get some rest this weekend. PGME is here to support this community throughout the pandemic.

Be well

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