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Re: COVID-19

This will be a short note in follow up to the one circulated just yesterday:

As I am sure you are aware, the recommendations from University of Calgary were broadened today. The guidelines differ from those issued by AHS. The university has suspended travel “from and through” countries where there is evidence of COVID-19 transmission. This will be in effect until September 2020. **Returning travellers are being asked to self-isolate until they have been back in Canada and symptom free for 14 days.** The list of countries now includes:

France
Germany
Spain
Switzerland
China
Hong Kong
Japan
Iran
Italy
South Korea
Singapore

I would recommend that you check the University of Calgary website fairly frequently for updates as the situation continues to change. (<https://ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/plans-procedures/covid-19-response>). A reminder that the landing page of the PGME website now has links to the University of Calgary COVID-19 Response, AHS updates and AHS FAQ's

Alberta Health Services indicated late this afternoon that any Albertan returning to Canada from outside the country is required to self-isolate for 14 days regardless of presence/absence of symptoms or country from which they are returning. Residents returning from international travel should be directed to contact Workplace Health & Safety for instructions. I believe residents will need to follow AHS policy as outlined above.

In response to the memo I circulated yesterday I received a fair number of questions from Program Directors about specific resident scenarios, academic activities, incoming electives and the pending Internal Reviews. I will be meeting with the PGME Leadership team on Monday morning (I am currently on clinical in-patient service) to address these issues and develop guiding principles for all programs to follow. I hope to circulate an update with additional information no later than end of day Monday.

I will make every effort to continue to respond to individual Program Directors on an as-needed basis. I will also provide updates as made available to me from both RCPS and CFPC.

Many thanks for your leadership in this very challenging situation.

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