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## PGME Update Covid Outbreak at FMC

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Thanks to those who were able to attend the PGME meeting this morning. I will summarize some of the most important aspects of the discussion. Please also refer to complete meeting minutes that will be circulated separately.

### *Academic Activities:*

All program-related academic activities should be held virtually until further notice. In-person sessions should be suspended and will be revisited once the outbreak at FHH is contained.

### *Incoming Electives:*

Residents scheduled to begin elective rotations in Calgary through the month of October cannot be assigned clinical duties at the FHH site --- this includes daytime activities and call shifts. Electives can go forward if the program is able to move the trainee to another hospital site or health care facility. PGME will send a letter (copied to home and receiving Program Directors) to indicate that the FHH site is effectively closed to elective residents at this time. Trainees will be asked to communicate with Program Directors to determine whether the elective can proceed at a non-FHH site. Other alternatives include postponement or cancellation of the rotation.

Residents scheduled for elective rotations at FHH beyond the end of October will be made aware of the current outbreak. They will be advised to ensure a back-up plan is in place in the event that the outbreak continues and there is no option of assignment to a non-FHH site.

### *Increased Funding for Alternate Accommodations:*

As previously outlined, residents and fellows may request reimbursement for up to 40% of the cost of Covid-related alternate housing when using facilities recommended by PGME. This support is generously provided by a private donation from the Arthur J E Child Foundation.

In light of the current outbreak and impact on trainees, PGME will match this funding with an additional 40% so that residents and fellows will be responsible for only 20% of the cost of alternate housing arrangements. I am attaching the list of housing options again for anyone who did not previously receive this information.

Happy to respond to any program/trainee specific issues as they arise. Many thanks again to everyone for your hard work and dedication during these extraordinary times.

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