Departmental Response to COVID-19 4/16/2020

Please read through the information below completely for important reminders and updates to the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine response to the outbreak of COVID-19. Got an update for COVID-19 that you want to share with the Leadership Huddle or in this email? Email it to dfpm@utah.edu.

4/16/2020 Updates

CLINICAL UPDATES
- Clinical billing adjustments. Clinical billings last week were 44% of usual, and billings this week have increased to 53% of usual. As some providers have a nearly full schedule and others are less full, the divisions will work to help less-busy clinical providers add to their schedules. Check with your supervisor if you are interested in increasing your billings.

EDUCATION UPDATES
- Looking ahead. There is a chance that online teaching will continue into the fall, and it is not too soon to start planning. Faculty and divisions are encouraged to work with CTLE to plan for fall online classes. The decision about fall classes is yet to be announced by University leadership, but faculty should start preparing now to teach online in case distancing measures continue into AY 2020-21.

RESEARCH UPDATES
- COVID-19 research resources. New resources for COVID-19-related research needs are available on Pulse.
  a. The 3i Initiative has created a weekly newsletter that will contain updates on COVID-19 research news. Subscribe to the newsletter HERE.
- Several DFPM Faculty have published an article projecting the course of the pandemic in Utah. The article was published in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, and can be found HERE.
- Dr. Darrah Sleeth of OEH, Dr. Rachael Jones of OEH, and Dr. Kelly Baron of Public Health were awarded grants by the 3i/VPR COVID-19 internal grant program to pursue research related to the pandemic. 54 grants were awarded across campus, meaning that our department faculty received 6% of all awards given. Congratulations to these doctors!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATES
- Amazon link for Navajo Nation donations. Public Health has worked with the Student Advisory Council to institute an Amazon link, which allows people to contribute funds for supplies to be sent to a health center in the Navajo Nation. Public Health faculty are putting together toiletry kits for nurses at the Navajo Nation health center and can use the department’s support. We will send this link to the department in the coming days.

PREVIOUS UPDATES
In the interest of space, previous updates have been moved online. Please let Danny Nelson know if you have difficulty accessing them. Remember that the situation is changing rapidly, and that more current information may contradict previous instruction.