Departmental Response to COVID-19 3/20/2020

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.

3/20/2020 Updates

TEACHING and STUDENTS

- **Students to return home.** The University encourages students to return to their permanent place of residence during the duration of the outbreak.

- **No in-person meetings.** In addition to online-only classes, the University reminds faculty that in-person meetings should take place online or be rescheduled or canceled. This includes meetings between TAs and faculty and TAs and students.

- **Online teaching forum.** The department is working on a forum where instructors can share online teaching strategies and network about resources. We hope to roll it out soon in order to assist our faculty’s efforts to continue to provide excellent teaching to our students. If you have recommendations for discussion thread topics to be included in the forum, contact Jocelyn Romano.

FACULTY UPDATES

- **Faculty meeting rescheduled.** The faculty meeting rudely interrupted by an earthquake on 3/18/2020 has been rescheduled for Monday, 3/23/2020 from 7:45 am – 8:45 am. Invitations with instructions on how to join this meeting electronically have been sent out. Please contact Elise Hilton if you have any questions.

- **Vacation spend-down extended for another year.** Faculty who are not able to use vacation days this year will be allowed to carry over up to 25 days into the following year (per the policy established in 2017). This applies to all faculty, even those not employed when the spend-down policy was established.

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.

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