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Dear Carle Illinois faculty, staff and students,

You just received a communication from President Killeen regarding new University of Illinois policies in response to COVID-19 (novel coronavirus). Please read that message carefully as it provides important information for all students and employees of the university. As a health leader in our community, Carle Illinois College of Medicine will continue to take proactive measures to support our students, faculty, and staff during this challenging time.

Carle Illinois has begun planning and implementation related to the new policies around instruction and university travel and events. To limit gatherings that include more than 50 people, we have already postponed the Health Make-a-Thon event and cancelled Second Look. Additionally, as of today, **Thursday's Five-Year Celebration and Friday's Innovation Grand Rounds are cancelled.** Further information for students, faculty, and staff is provided below.

Students:

Beginning March 23 and until further notice, **Phase 1 students** will continue their medical education through online means only; in-person sessions will be discontinued. Phase 1 problem-based learning and lecture-based sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom Conference. Portions of MEDI sessions, physical diagnosis and lab training will take place virtually as well. Phase 1 students will not visit clinical settings as part of their education until further notice. You will hear shortly from Academic Affairs regarding further instructions and resources available to you during this interim period.

Per AAMC recommendations, **Phase 2 students** will continue their clerkships and other clinical training in person at their assigned clinical sites. Students will not be assigned to the care of patients with known or suspected COVID-19, and if personal protective equipment becomes scarce, students should not be involved in any clinical setting where such equipment is required for licensed healthcare practitioners. Should the situation escalate further and our clinical partners change their recommendations, we will adjust accordingly and share further instructions and resources. Beginning March 20 and until further notice, IDEA sessions will take place virtually via Zoom Conference. You will hear shortly from Academic Affairs regarding further instructions and resources available to you during this interim period.

Faculty and Staff:

The Carle Illinois College of Medicine will remain open. We encourage you to limit in-person meetings whenever possible, and choose video conferencing as you're able. We will continue to adhere to the university's policy on remote work scenarios. Please reach out to your supervisor for additional advisement.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, you are encouraged to regularly monitor massmail communications from campus and the [COVID-19 website](#) for updates. We will continue to communicate additional information or developments specific to Carle Illinois.

Thank you for your cooperation during this time.

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