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**Subject:** DOM Covid-19 update

Hi.

I want to provide you with some updated information on the departmental response to Covid-19. Below is a quick summary of our progress. Thanks again for your tremendous dedication during this difficult time. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated. Call or text me on my cell (919-824-9458) anytime if you have questions.

David

### **Clinical Responsibilities**

- Divisions have contingency plans in place to cover attending responsibilities if faculty are quarantined or ill.
- We have developed plans to address MICU and non-ICU suspected and confirmed cases of Covid-19.
- Emergency credentialing is in place and will allow providers to work across the affiliates and throughout UCHHealth. Patients may also be moved throughout UCHHealth to maximize care.
- We are working on guidelines for:
  - contingency plans for at risk providers and at risk patients
  - elective clinic visits and procedures
  - virtual health visits in place of in person visits
  - consult services – provision of consultation without direct patient contact for confirmed cases of coronavirus

### **Operational Changes**

#### **Staff and Non-Essential Faculty Encouraged to Work Remotely**

- Effective Monday, March 16, 2020 faculty and staff not designated as “critical” to their unit or department operations are strongly encouraged to work remotely whenever possible. We have worked with each of the divisions to minimize faculty and staff on campus. See the [Chancellor's announcement](#) for further information and details on the required registration on the university's [remote workforce site](#).
- Divisions have updated their contact information

#### **Meetings and Conferences**

- All Department of Medicine and division meetings or conferences with 10+ attendees must be held remotely.
- All Department of Medicine [Grand Rounds](#) will continue to be held remotely via Zoom until further notice. The Department of Medicine's Research and Innovation Conferences **are cancelled** for the rest of this school year. Scheduled Research and Innovation Conference presentations from this year will be rescheduled to next year beginning tentatively August, 2020.

**Building Access:** beginning on Monday, campus buildings will be card access only

## **DOM COVID-19 Stakeholder Briefings**

- UCH/SOM Command Center - DOM representation includes: Michelle Barron, Larissa Pisney, and Jeff Sippel
- DOM is convening a weekly (and possibly more frequent) COVID-19 Task Force with Division Heads, Vice Chairs, Clinical Vice Chairs, Business Managers, Geoff Connors, Michelle Barron, Larissa Pisney, Anne Fuhlbrigge, Jean Kutner, Mike Romano, Jen Rodgers, Corena Carmichael, Katie Rodriguez (DOM HR), Holli Keyser (DOM Communications), and Nancy Miller/Kelly Redard (DOM Admin). The purpose of this meeting is to plan and coordinate the response to Covid-19.
- DOM leaders (Drs. Schwartz, Wilson, Albert, and admin staff) meet daily to discuss plans and new developments.

## **Key Resources**

- New [DOM COVID-19 Web Page](#) for Faculty and Staff. This page will be updated frequently to include DOM operational changes and important resource links for research, connecting campus resources and more.
- The new [School of Medicine website](#) also provides additional FAQs and resources.
- ID website: <https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/infectious-diseases/information/ncov>

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