



MEMORANDUM

TO: Department Heads, Program Directors, Program Administrative Assistants, Residents & PGME Staff

SUBJECT: RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT
2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

FROM: Dr. Anurag Saxena, Associate Dean, PGME

DATE: NEW March 11, 2020

HIGH PRIORITY CLARIFICATION ON A RECENT DECISION REGARDING RESIDENTS IN EMERGENCY MEDICINE DEPARTMENT:

After additional discussion with ED leadership, following is to provide clarification to the content in the memo sent yesterday.

This is **effective immediately (today, Wednesday, March 11, 2020)**.

At the present time this applies only to Saskatoon ED.

1. For the residents enrolled in the **RCPSC EM program** and the **Family medicine third year FM-EM program**: No changes; continue as usual.
2. For residents in **all other programs requiring a formal rotation/ learning experience in EM under the supervision of ED physicians**: These are postponed until further notice.
3. For residents in **all other programs who provide a consult service for patients through their program**: Please continue to provide the service and avail service-learning opportunities under the supervision of their own faculty. However, the ED leadership is requesting to keep the traffic minimal in the ED, therefore exercise discretion in sending a fewer number of residents, preferably senior residents. Please also remain mindful of the supplies and exercise prudent stewardship of resources.

Regarding residents at ED sites other than Saskatoon:

1. Discussions are underway (in the ED) to determine the situation in Regina. We will provide you with updates. In the meantime, please remain mindful of the supplies and exercise prudent stewardship of resources as all supplies in ED are provincial and linked.

We are cognizant of the impact on the learning of our residents and will be working with our senior leadership and programs and RDOS to work through this uncertainty.

There is uncertainty associated with this rapidly changing situation. We will keep you informed as we reassess the situation daily.



The following policies are available for Postgraduate trainees, programs, faculty and staff to review:

1. [PGME Resident Health & Safety Policy](#)
2. [University of Saskatchewan Health & Safety Policy](#)
3. [Saskatchewan Health Authority Emergency Preparedness \(Business Continuity\) Policy](#)

Additional resources available include (but not limited to):

[Government of Canada website – COVID 19](#) (all updates including link to travel advice)

[Government of Canada website – travel advice](#)

[Government of Saskatchewan – COVID 19](#)

[University of Saskatchewan Updates \(COVID 19\)](#)

The [PGME office](#) will work with all residents, programs and staff during this time and are available to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anurag Saxena".

Dr. Anurag Saxena
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