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Date: April 23, 2020 (7:30pm)

To: Family Practice and Enhanced Skills Residents
Site Directors, Family Practice Postgrad
Portfolio Directors, Family Practice Postgrad
Administrators, Family Practice and Enhanced Skills

From: Mark MacKenzie, Director, Family Practice, Postgraduate Programs

Re: Scheduling Update

Dear Residents and Program Stakeholders,

In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic we recognize that many clinical rotations have been suspended or changed. As a Program, we had committed to monitor the situation and re-evaluate in mid-April if it would be advisable to modify any of the previous restrictions.

Following discussion with the Site Directors, there is consensus that any off-site or distributed rotations, electives, or rural rotations previously scheduled to start May 4th or later for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year may be resumed. This extends to new electives that may become available.

As has been the practice during the pandemic, the following should be considered when evaluating your schedule with your Site Director and Coordinator:

- Travel in B.C. may become further restricted in the coming weeks. Residents should be prepared for travel to be restricted to motor vehicle only. If the possibility of restricted travel is an issue for you attending (or returning from) a rotation, discuss these risks with your Site Director. Residents may choose to stay in their existing rotations if there are concerns about travel restrictions.
- The receiving community / preceptor must be supportive of the placement.
- Be mindful of adjustments that have already been made for you with preceptors in May and June.

The restriction on Out of Province and Out of Country Electives is still in place for the remainder of the 19-20 academic year.

Our current expectation for July 1, 2020 and the start of the new academic year is that schedules will continue as per usual practice. However, official confirmation of this will be given closer to the date and revisited as the pandemic crisis evolves. PGME has indicated as of April 22 that out of province electives will be supported starting July 1, 2020 with the proviso that this decision may need to be revisited should the pandemic circumstances change. [Refer to the PGME COVID-19 page for details.](#)

Thank you,

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