

AAMC Group on Student Affairs (GSA)

Admissions Community Call

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Committee Announcements



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Call Agenda:

- **Welcome and Opening Remarks** - *Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions*
- **AAMC Update** – *Geoffrey Young, PhD, Sr. Director, Student Affairs and Programs, Brandon Hunter, Director, Student Affairs*
- **MCAT Update** – *Cynthia A. Searcy, Ph.D., Senior Director, MCAT Research and Development*
- **AMCAS** – *Patrick Fritz, Senior Director, AMCAS, Director, PJ Kania, AMCAS Product Management*
- **Open Discussion and Q & A** - *moderated by Lina Mehta, MD, COA Chair*

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Student Affairs and Programs

- ❑ Survey: Impacts of COVID-19 on Medical School Admissions
- ❑ Creating Opportunities for engaging colleagues
 - GSA Community Call
 - Admissions Community Call
- ❑ Weekly Meetings with the Committee on Admissions
- ❑ Webinars
 - Topics:
 - Alternate Grading During Academic Disruption
 - Demonstrating Competence in an Unconventional Application Year
- ❑ Active and engaged listening and resource creation/dissemination

MSAR Admission Policies and Information

Update your COVID-19 related policy changes. **We suggest using the following template.**

Response to COVID-19 - Information for 2021 Admissions Cycle

Please note the following information regarding coursework, labs and letters of evaluation:

- *Pass/Fail Coursework - Sample content - Your information goes here.*
- *Online Coursework and Labs - Information will go here to tell applicants how this will be handled at your school.*
- *Letters of Evaluation - Sample content - Describe policies here.*

AAMC Resources

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) and The MCAT Exam**
<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/coronavirus-mcat-faqs/>
- **Coronavirus (COVID-19) and AMCAS**
<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/coronavirus-covid-19-and-amcas/>
- **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND THE FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**
<https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-medical-school/article/coronavirus-covid-19-and-fee-assistance-program/>
- **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCE HUB**
<https://www.aamc.org/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-hub#services>

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Key Principles for Upcoming Cycle

Based on feedback from discussions with admissions staff:

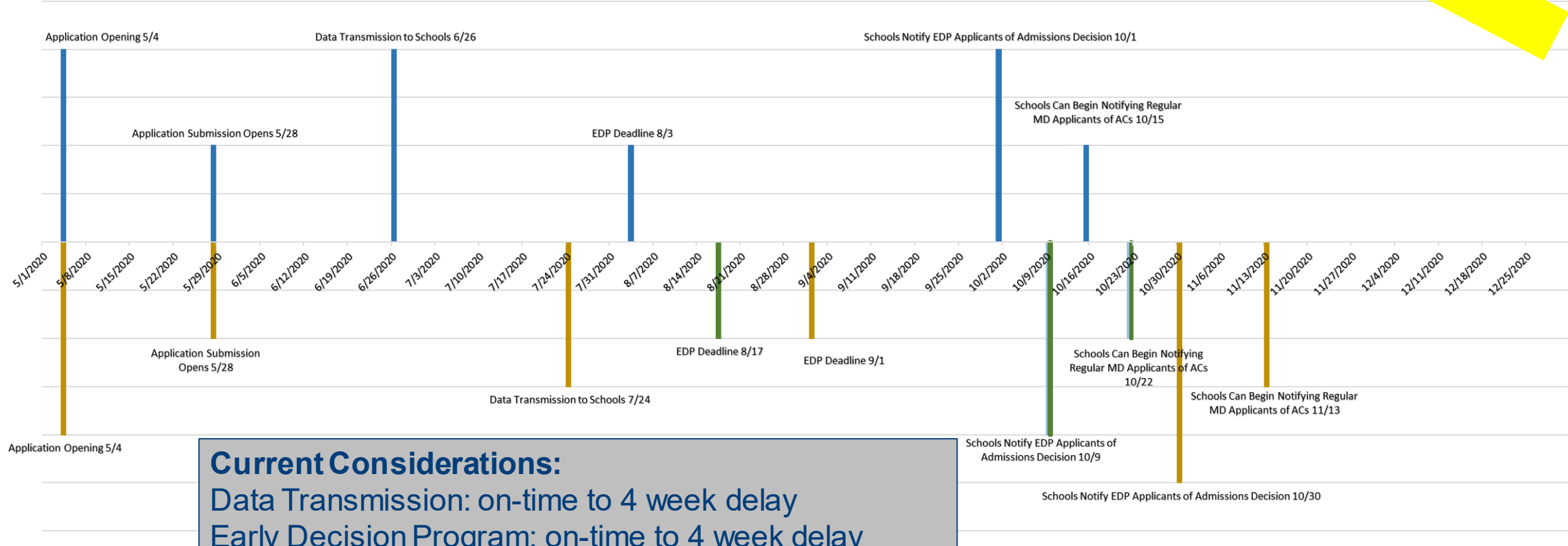
- Understand that all stakeholders (schools, applicants, AMCAS) will need to be flexible in their approach to supporting the AY21 cycle
- Try to be minimally disruptive to the current process as possible, knowing that there will be challenges and gaps that need to be addressed
- Each school should also look at their own processes and approaches and modify as needed
- Share challenges and best practices as we move through this difficult time

Timeline of Scenario

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AMCAS Adjusted Timelines

Current - 30 Day - EDP Options



Current Considerations:
 Data Transmission: on-time to 4 week delay
 Early Decision Program: on-time to 4 week delay

Upcoming Webinars

1. April 2: 2021 Opening Cycle (Advisors) - ***DONE***
2. April 14: CYMS Best Practices for Detailed Reports and Communications (Schools)
3. April 21: 2021 Opening Cycle (Applicants)
4. April 28: SAP/AMCAS Alternative Grading (Schools)

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- **COA Updates** - *Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions*
- **Open Discussion and Q & A** - *Lina Mehta, MD, Chair, GSA Committee on Admissions*