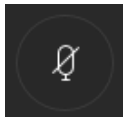
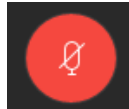
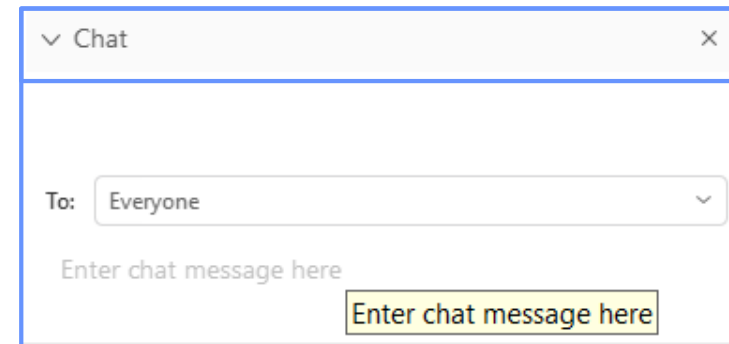
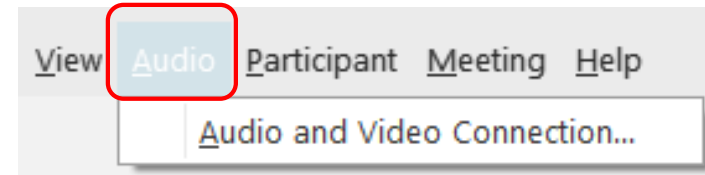


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## Admissions Community Call

May 6, 2020  
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# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Opening Remarks



**Lina Mehta, MD - COA Chair**

Associate Dean for Admissions  
Case Western Reserve University School  
of Medicine

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call - Agenda

## ➤ Opening Remarks – Lina Mehta, MD, COA Chair

- Overview of COA's Engagement During the Coronavirus Pandemic
- Purpose and structure of today's call

## ➤ Community Discussion

- **2021 Cycle**
  - Training and Engagement
  - Internal Processing
  - Interviews
  - Recruitment
- **2020 Cycle**
  - Collecting immunization records and/or other matriculation documents
  - COVID-19 and incoming students
  - Orientation options / white coat ceremony
  - Moving, housing, connecting with student groups
  - Addressing financial burdens during transition

## ➤ AAMC Updates

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Community Discussion

### ➤ 2021 Cycle

#### A. Training and Engagement

1. How are you training/engaging your admissions committee about screening, reviewing, and admitting applicants during this unconventional application year?
2. How are you training/engaging your interviewers for a possible virtual admissions process?
3. How are you connecting with your IT department to determine your infrastructure and bandwidth for a completely remote process (recruiting, interviewing, orientation, committee meetings, etc.)?
4. Other topics?

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Community Discussion

### ➤ 2021 Cycle

#### B. Internal Processing

1. If you have a paper component to your process (i.e. printed applications, paper transcripts, notarized forms), how are you going to manage that aspect of your process?
2. Other topics?

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Community Discussion

### ➤ 2021 Cycle

#### C. Interviews

1. How will you convey campus climate/culture if your interviews are virtual?
2. Has anyone made the decision to move to a full virtual interview cycle? If not, is anyone thinking about a hybrid virtual/in-person interview process?
3. Other topics?

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Community Discussion

### ➤ 2021 Cycle

#### D. Recruitment

1. With the shift from active travel to virtual recruiting, have you come up with creative ways to connect with prospective applicants?
2. Other topics?



# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

## Community Discussion

### ➤ 2020 Cycle

1. Have you decided how you will collect immunization records and/or other matriculation documents?
2. Has your school decided to quarantine and/or test (for COVID) all incoming students?
3. Have you decided how you will adjust your orientation for incoming students?
4. Have you decided how you will adjust your white coat ceremony?
5. How are you supporting your incoming class with moving, housing, connecting with student groups, etc.?
6. Will you offer any graduate assistantships to incoming students to ease financial burdens during the transition?
7. Other topics?

# 2020 MCAT Testing Plan Updates

Cynthia A. Searcy

Senior Director, MCAT Research and Development

May 6, 2020



# New MCAT 2020 Testing Plan

## Testing Dates

**21 dates remaining:  
May 29 through  
September 28**

**8 dates cancelled  
between March 27 and  
May 21**

**Three additional dates:  
June 28, September 27,  
and September 28**

## Testing Day

**3 administrations/date:  
6:30 am, 12:15 pm, and  
6:00 pm**

**Shorter exam, 5 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours;  
Includes the same  
number of scored  
questions**

**Follow social distancing  
practices, enhance  
cleaning routines, and  
allow masks and gloves**

## Scoring/Reporting

**Scores reported in about  
2 weeks rather than 4 for  
June 21 through August  
1 admin dates**

**Tests same concepts/skills,  
at same difficulty level, with  
same score precision as  
the full-length exam**

**Informed by the science of  
test construction/scoring,  
operational limits, and  
security concerns**

**Flexibility is key in reviewing applicant scores that are delayed due to disruptions to MCAT administrations during COVID-19**

# Upcoming Communications and Supporting Resources

May

## MCAT COVID-19 website for admissions officers

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- Launching next week: <https://www.aamc.org/services/mcat-admissions-officers>
- Includes FAQs on broad topics related to this year's admissions cycle
- Provides a central repository of the most up-to-date information

June

## Regular status updates on applicant statistics

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- Provide frequent updates as testing progresses
- % of applicants with scores will be updated throughout the testing cycle
- Includes comparisons to historical trends to help schools manage the 2021 cycle

July

## 2021 Guide on using MCAT scores in medical student selection

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- Digital release at the beginning of July, with print copies shipping later this year
- Provides most recent information and data about the MCAT exam
- Helps admissions officers and committees support schools' holistic review of applicants

# AAMC GSA Admissions Community Call

- **AMCAS Update** – *Patrick Fritz, Senior Director, AMCAS, Director, PJ Kania, AMCAS Product Management*