

**Statement from AAMC Group on Student Affairs Committee on Admissions  
Regarding 2022 Applicants to US Medical School during COVID-19**

The AAMC understands that medical school applicants are experiencing a variety of challenges in this unpredictable time as they prepare their applications. We are having ongoing discussions with medical schools and developing resources to assist them in defining and responding to the many issues at play. Much of this work is being done in conjunction with the Group on Student Affairs Committee on Admissions (COA), which is a group of medical school admissions deans dedicated to improving the admissions process. We are discussing many important topics, including pass/fail grading and online coursework, canceled and delayed MCATs, loss of clinical/research/volunteer/employment opportunities, virtual interviews, potential difficulties in procuring letters of recommendation, and potential financial instability for applicants.

The AAMC is working with COA to encourage medical schools to be flexible with their admissions policies for the 2022 admissions cycle, have open and transparent communications with the premedical community, and be thoughtful about the many challenges applicants may still face with their applications during this cycle due to the pandemic. Additionally, the AAMC is creating opportunities for admissions officers to voice concerns, share effective practices, and create potential solutions. These opportunities include virtual townhall meetings, frequent surveys, and the addition of school-specific information to the Medical School Admission Requirements (MSAR) regarding further [adaptations in light of COVID-19](#), to mention just a few. The AAMC is working to assist with the streamlining of processes for everyone (medical school applicants, admissions staff, and advisors) adapting to these unprecedented and rapidly changing times.

Sincerely,

AAMC Group on Student Affairs Committee on Admissions