

GSA COSR Community Call Chat Summary, February 11, 2021

- 1:05 PM from Almi Rodriguez: We will miss you Teresa! Was a pleasure serving with you!
- 1:05 PM from Marrissa Cook: Welcome, Celeste!
- 1:17 PM from Siu Yan Scott: Hi everyone, Case Western Reserve SOM Registrar here. I was thinking that we as a home institution would have to monitor this but we haven't figured out how yet.
- 1:18 PM from Theresa Friederich: We at Saint Louis University agree with Annalise. Just as we will only allow our students one away rotation, it is our hope that other schools will also only approve one.
- 1:18 PM from Jennifer Hewitt: We read the policy as one away (period) not one per specialty
- 1:18 PM from Siu Yan Scott: maybe just start a list of these students as we process and just include a check for this list - we process every away rotation
- 1:19 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: We are also limiting our students to one in-person away rotation, since we also process away rotations/enrollment
- 1:19 PM from Michele: Same at Weill Cornell -- we will monitor our students and hope other schools are doing the same.
- 1:19 PM from Marrissa Cook: At USF we used an attestation form last year when rotations were much more restricted. This year, I think we will shift the responsibility to the home school and trust the school is managing this.
- 1:19 PM from Cheri Black: At UCR School of Medicine, we monitored VSLO applications to ensure they adhered to our policy and COVID restrictions. I did not release applications that did not follow our guidelines. For some host institutions, we were required to submit attestation letters via VSLO, so we created a template.
- 1:20 PM from Kris Slaney: We have the same plan here at COM-Tucson, we will monitor our students.
- 1:21 PM from Wendy Finch: Also, won't residency programs look poorly upon students who rotate at more than one away?
- 1:21 PM from Carol Duffey: Can the host school require that the visiting student provide proof of having received a vaccination for COVID?
- 1:23 PM from Marrissa Cook: How narrowly are we defining specialty?
- 1:23 PM from Theresa Friederich: I wonder if VSLO couldn't create an alert when a student has accepted multiple offers.
- 1:25 PM from James Hill: To clarify - a student could do 2 aways if one is ortho and one is hand?
- 1:25 PM from Brendan McCarthy: For institutions that require a passing Step 1 score, how are you handling the possibility of students who possibly will not have a Step 1 score due to delaying until spring/summer? and how will you handle acceptance of those applications?

1:25 PM from Jennifer Hewitt: It is going to be challenging with defining a specialty and students trying to challenge that.

1:25 PM from ejcarroll: Can you provide clarification on definition of "always"? What if a school is in a small state with 3 total medical schools and they are not traveling out of state to attend a possible elective. Is this allowed for more than 1 or no?

1:26 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: I know there is a bit of difference in how institutions have interpreted the Aug 1 start date. For us, we interpreted that as the start date for students that intend a specialty for which we don't have a residency program, but for those who are intending a specialty for which we do not have a residency program, it was still basically the original guidelines.

1:28 PM from Jennifer Hewitt: We are interpreting as August 1 for all. Our students can go to our regular affiliate partners, but not in or out of state non-affiliate locations.

1:28 PM from Theresa Friederich: @Brendan, our students were still required to take Step 1 prior to M3 year. Do you think that there are students who still won't have it prior to M4 year, Covid related?

1:29 PM from Brendan McCarthy: @TheresaFriedrich yes there will be students who have not taken Step 1 due to delaying until after M3, I know some students are even planning on taking Step 2CK before Step 1

1:30 PM from Matt Edwards: Will EM be coming out with a statement sooner as well?

1:30 PM from Jennifer Hewitt: We will require all to have Step 1. It is an institutional rule that students cannot begin in clinical setting until they have completed and passed that exam. Our students take it after M2 year.

1:31 PM from April Mayweather: Some already have in Michigan

1:32 PM from Julie Steinecker: Could we get a universal list of specialties/subspecialties that would count as separate specialty options?

1:32 PM from Latoya Whitaker: How are schools handling the process of giving access to vslo. are you giving them access beforehand and not releasing until 4/15?

1:32 PM from Brendan McCarthy: @Jennifer Hewitt - we do to but have allowed students to wait until June after M3 due to COVID issues

1:32 PM from Christina Grabowski: Our August course block starts the last week of July. To allow students to attend our programs in August, they would actually start the last week of July. Does anyone else have blocks that do not coordinate with the start of the month?

1:33 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: @Christina, yes, we are on a block schedule that starts prior to Aug 1.

1:33 PM from Brendan McCarthy: Cristina, yes we have that same block date and considering allowing students to begin a week earlier but still under review

1:34 PM from Kari McDermott: @christina grabowski we aslo do not have an Aug 1st start date, it is either 7/26 or 8/23 so we woould like to start VS 7/26

1:34 PM from Christina Grabowski: It feels like it is in the spirit of the policy if the bulk of the rotation is in August.

1:35 PM from Celeste Nguyen:Christina, we also have clerkship periods starting either July 26 or August 23

1:35 PM from Julie Steinecker:yes, 100% agree with Ed. That was our interpretation.

1:35 PM from Wendy Finch: @Ed - this was my impression too.

1:35 PM from Sarah Otte: I am curious how many institutions are requiring their students to be vaccinated and are requiring visiting students to be vaccinated.

1:35 PM from Agape Lamberis: Same - our interpretation was 1 away. Period.

1:35 PM from Katy Wolf: That was my impression as well

1:35 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: Same dates for us. We had intended to have our students allowed to do rotations only if they started Aug 1 or after - so either a 3 week rotation or go off-cycle (if possible with their schedule).

1:36 PM from Wendy Finch: I think a clarification needs to be released in writing

1:36 PM from Julie Steinecker:There are so many subspecialty options via fellowship. Students will absolutely try to take more than one rotation.

1:36 PM from CASEY WILEY: @Sarah, our hospital has final say on a vaccination requirement, but as of now is not planning to require

1:36 PM from James Hill: I agree it is definitely a slippery slope

1:36 PM from Cheri Black: Yes, please release clarification in writing. We are using the same guidelines as last year, as we are under the impression that only one away rotation is allowed.

1:37 PM from Julie Steinecker:We really need a universal list of what will count as a stand-alone specialty.

1:37 PM from Christina Grabowski: We will not require the vaccine at this time since it is only authorized for emergency use. I suspect that once the vaccine is regularly approved, it will become required. Not sure when that might happen...

1:38 PM from Ed Lahart: One probably is it. They will do more if able for interviewing purposes

1:38 PM from James Hill: They could do them after Sept 15 for a foot in the door

1:38 PM from Wendy Finch: @ James - you're right. I wonder that too

1:38 PM from Julie Steinecker:In a typical year, we have students doing away rotations all the way through January.

1:39 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: We have a few DO programs near us, so we have students coming in all months.

1:39 PM from Michele: Right, they could do one in August and another one later as an "get to know you" rotation.

1:39 PM from Carol Duffey: Does the Aug 1 date apply to virtual electives as well?

1:40 PM from Petra Bricker UMKC SOM: I'd also like some clarification on dates. Through June 30 its the unchanged recommendations, and then all always resume Aug 1. What happens in July?

1:41 PM from April Mayweather: we have appx 300 Y4 students and would really need to uphold a standard across the board.

1:42 PM from Julie Steinecker: Yes, equity between schools will be a big problem.

1:42 PM from Wendy Finch: Can the coalition/AAMC list specialties that qualify?

1:44 PM from Matt Edwards: Will the AAMC be updating this site as more 21-22 guidances are released by specialty groups? <https://students-residents.aamc.org/applying-residency/article/specialty-response-covid-19/>

1:45 PM from Jennifer Hewitt: We defined away as anything outside of our established affiliate sites

1:45 PM from Amy Addams: @Matt - Yes, AAMC will continue to update that page as we learn about guidance by specialty groups

1:49 PM from Irena Tartakovsky: Sure, we will share the VSLO slides with call attendees.

1:49 PM from Shanaz Sulejmanovic: aamc.org/vslo/covid-19

1:57 PM from Celeste Nguyen: Some of the shared resources from the WGSA meeting about SOAP: <https://thalamusgme.com/2020-residency-recruitment-crisis/>
<https://thesheriffofsodium.com.author/jbcarmody/>
www.aamc.org/cim/advisors-liaisons/advising-checklists

1:58 PM from Carol Duffey: May 1 is a Saturday. Can the date be changed to 5/3 (Monday)?

1:58 PM from Celeste Nguyen: WGSA also surveyed institutions about their plans for SOAP

2:03 PM from Julie Steinecker: Yes, and our deans are going to interpret as flexibly as possible to give students the best chance of matching.

2:03 PM from Siu Yan Scott: thank you very much glad i was on the call today, stay safe

2:03 PM from Alisha Corsi: ours as well Julie

2:04 PM from Wendy Finch: What about off cycle students?

2:06 PM from Kris Slaney: Thank-you!! Great information today~