

VSLO Program Update

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Coalition Recommendations and VSLO

Coalition for Physician Accountability's Work Group on Medical Students Moving Across Institutions for Post Graduate Training issued updated recommendations on *Away Rotations for Medical Education Institutions of LCME®-Accredited, U.S. Osteopathic, and Non-U.S. Medical School Applicants*

Key Dates for Away Rotations 2021-22

VSLO will remain open during the 2021-22 application cycle.

Date	Action
April 15, 2021	Students begin applying for rotations
May 1, 2021	Host institutions begin reviewing applications
August 1, 2021**	In-person away rotations begin (Based on working group update)

NOTE: These key dates do not apply to learners who must complete an elective as a mandatory component of their degree

Host Institutions

Update Your Information in VSAS

- If your institutional policies regarding visiting students have changed due to COVID-19, you need to update and publicize that information on the Institutional Profile page in VSAS.

Prepare Your Upcoming Elective Catalogs in VSAS

- You can now indicate the **Instruction Type** of Electives in VSAS as an in-person or virtual experience.
- Be responsive to the calendar recommended in the Coalition Guidance.
- Job Aids available to guide you when updating existing catalogs.

Home Institutions

Share Your Away Rotation Guidance with Your Students

We encourage you to clarify policies for your own students to set their expectations for away rotations this season based on the Coalition's recommendations.

Job Aids are available to manage releasing your students' applications.

Home Institutions

Inform Your Students about Which Email Address to Use in Their AAMC Profiles

The AAMC ensures that the information users supply in their AAMC Profiles is secure and consistent across all AAMC services, such as VSLO, ERAS® and Careers in Medicine®. When individuals change their profile information (for example, their email address), the information is automatically updated in their VSLO application.

Some medical schools have policies that require students to use an institution-hosted email address (often “.edu”), rather than a personal email account, for institution communications. **If your institution has such a requirement, please remind your students to supply that email address in their AAMC Profile.**

Home/Host Institutions

VSLO Refund Policy

VSLO does not provide refunds for use of its application service. However, due to the continued impact of COVID-19 on rotation opportunities, one-time refunds of up to \$45 will be considered only for students who accept rotations in calendar year 2021 that they are unable to complete due to cancellation of the elective for COVID-19 related reasons. A refund request form will be available in late summer. Review of refund requests will begin in December 2021.

VSLO COVID Resources Page

aamc.org/vslo/covid-19

Data Update

COVID Impact to VSLO Numbers

- We received 29% less applications in CY2020 as compared to CY2019.
- A 10%-point increase in DO application activity in CY2020 (65% of all applications)
- There was a 69% decrease in the total offers made by Host in CY2020 as compared to CY2019.

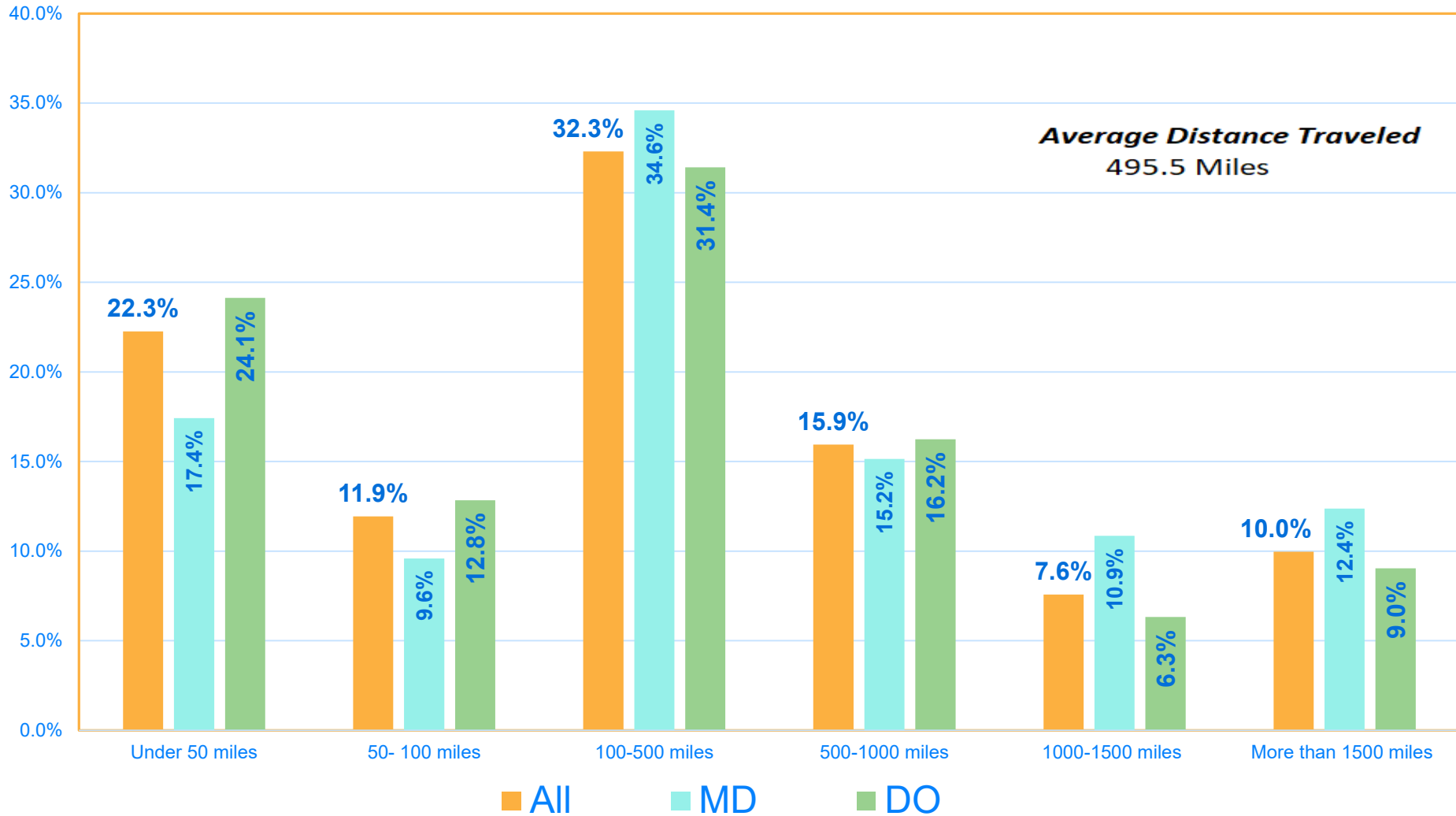
CY2021:

Total Applications Submitted January 1, 2021 to February 6, 2021	
Total Applications Submitted	1,415*

- 84% from DO Students
- 16% from MD Students

*: We are trending almost 900 applications less than this time in 2020 (pre-Covid).

Distance Between a Home and Host for Accepted Offers (October 2020)





Thank You