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Dear MS3 and MS4 students,

Many of you are probably aware that Governor Inslee issued a stay-at-home order last night for a minimum of two weeks for the State of Washington. In light of the large number of UWSOM students affected by this order, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the NBME examination administrations that were scheduled for later this week across all WWAMI sites.

What does this mean for students who were scheduled for exams this week?

- For students who were NOT scheduled to take an NBME exam (Pediatrics, Neurosurgery) there are NO changes. Your exams will be available online or on paper from home on the day they were originally scheduled. Please contact those clerkships directly if you have any questions.
- For students who were scheduled to take an NBME exam, the NBME announced last week they will be implementing a solution to allow students to take subject exams in remote locations (i.e. at home) starting in early April, but has not provided further information yet. We anticipate being able and are planning to schedule remote exams sometime in early to mid-April. When more details are available regarding the remote administration, we will let you know.
- The timeframe the NBME has shared should allow you to take the NBME exam in time for a grade to be provided for your current 4, 6 or 12-week clerkship.

I know many of you are planning to take the Pandemic and Healthy Systems Response course or the Quality and Safety course. I encourage you to still register for and take those courses. I believe the design of these courses will still allow you time to study and take your NBME examination.

I realize this continues to be a stressful and challenging time and delaying your NBME exam may add to your stress. However, for your health and the health of our communities, I believe this is the correct decision.

Please take care of yourselves.

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