

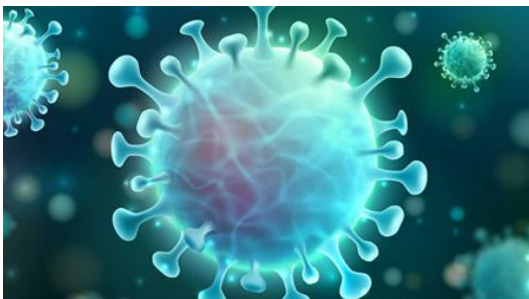


Weekly Information for UW Medical Students

Thursday, April 29, 2021



COVID-Related Information



Do You Have Concerns About COVID-19 Symptoms or a Possible Exposure?

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you have encountered a possible or known exposure, please follow the COVID-19 Exposure/Symptoms/Diagnosis procedures at <https://education.uwmedicine.org/covid-19-exposure-clinical/> if you are on a clinical rotation, or <https://education.uwmedicine.org/covid-19-exposure-foundations/> if you are a Foundations Phase student. If you have questions that are not addressed by the procedures outlined through these links please contact Dr. Maestas or Dr. Tolbert at adminsa@uw.edu.



New CDC Guidelines on Outdoor Masking

The CDC has updated its guidelines on the wearing of masks outdoors. Please read "[Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People](#)," published on April 27 on the CDC website.

[More COVID-Related Information](#)



UW Medicine Town Hall Meeting

Please join us for the next UW Medicine Town Hall, Friday, May 7, at 3 p.m. Zoom link: <https://uw-phi.zoom.us/j/887116941>.

[Watch Recording](#) | [Zoom Link](#) | [Submit Questions](#)

Information for All Students



Dear UW School of Medicine Community,

Over the past year, a group of UWSOM leaders have been working to initiate efforts to implement restorative justice principles and practices as an alternative to disciplinary and punitive measures to heal harms and resolve conflict. The first phase of this work involved listening sessions with a small number of students and faculty within our medical education community to better understand the issues around racism, specifically anti-Black racism, that are present in our environment. As was the intention, that effort has informed us for the next phase in our process.

We realize that we must engage in both restorative justice for members of our community who are being harmed as well as systemic transformation processes to become the anti-racist organization that we envision, one in which all members of the community feel safe and can thrive. The next step in this work is the selection of an expert consultant team to help guide us.

Over the last few months several consultant teams have been interviewed. We have now selected two experienced, diverse, multi-disciplinary teams as finalists. Before a final selection is made, we want to invite all members of the SOM community to attend virtual presentations by each group and provide feedback.

Dates and times for each presentation are below and the biographies of the two teams are attached below. The presentations will be in a webinar format. As such, we invite you to send questions ahead of the webinars by using this link to [questions for consultants](#). There will also be a live Q&A. Each presentation will be recorded and distributed broadly for those unable to attend the live presentations.

Meet the finalist consulting teams:

Team #1: May 4, 2021, 4:00-5:00 PST

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/92492791750>
- Meeting ID: 924 9279 1750

Team #2: May 6, 2021, 5:00-6:00 PST

- Join Zoom Meeting: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/92244575246>
- Meeting ID: 922 4457 5246

Sincerely,

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Intranet Restructure – We Need Your Feedback!

The UWSOM Communications team needs your feedback during the review and restructuring process of [the UWSOM Intranet site](#). Our goal is to restructure the Intranet website to make it navigable, relevant, and organized to best meet **your** needs.

Please fill out [this survey](#) to provide feedback on the current state of the Intranet and how we can improve it. **The survey will remain open through Friday, May 7.**

If you have any additional feedback, please reach out to the Communications team at uwsomcom@uw.edu.

[Survey Link](#)

Financial Aid Updates

REMINDER: If you want to reduce your loan, please email the School of Medicine Financial Aid Office at somfao@uw.edu, rather than commenting on your financial aid status on the MyUW portal. All comments made on the MyUW portal are reviewed by the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA). Due to the unique nature of medical school budgets, your loan could be incorrectly adjusted, which is why you should contact the School of Medicine Financial Aid Office instead.

The AAMC FIRST program has an excellent library with [videos and recorded webinars](#) about financial aid. We recommend reviewing these videos in May:

- [Public Service Loan Forgiveness \(PSLF\): A Step-by-Step Guide](#)
- [Home Financing for Graduating Medical Students and Residents](#)
- [How to Improve Your Credit During Medical School and Residency](#)

Learning Environment Corner

Welcome to our inaugural post! We will update you weekly on news from the learning environment, including new and ongoing initiatives and issues.

This week we are featuring the Student Arm of the Learning Environment Committee (LEC). The committee was formed to ensure the best educational experiences for our medical students, staff, and faculty by continuously and proactively addressing, monitoring, and responding to issues in the learning environment across the WWAMI region.

Membership in the Student Arm includes: Deans, Block Faculty, College Faculty, FCM Faculty, Clerkship Directors, Clerkship Administrators, Department Chairs, Student Affairs, Rural Programs, OHCE, CLIME, Communications, Data, Evaluation, EQI, members at large, and of course, student leadership. The LEC aims to achieve representation from across the School of Medicine and WWAMI so that its members can benefit from rich perspectives.

This month we are excited to welcome our newest LEC member, Dr. Barb Doty, regional clinical dean for Alaska WWAMI.



To learn more about the Learning Environment Committee, please click [here](#) to view its dedicated pages on the Learning Environment website.

In case you missed it

[Here is a link to last week's student newsletter \(4-22-21\)](#). That issue includes the following for all students:

- UWSOM's Accreditation Status Update: Standard 4 on Faculty Preparation, Productivity, Participation and Policies
- Financial Aid Drop-In Hours
- Panacea Financial Medical School Scholarships
- Idaho Health Insurance Open Enrollment Closes April 30

Updates for each class:

MS1s

MS2s

MS3s

MS4s

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines



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