



Washington University in St. Louis

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Dear Colleagues,

By now you have all received the communication from the Chancellor regarding COVID-19 and the university's efforts to contain/delay community transmission. Consistent with the interim policies outlined, **we are temporarily suspending all external observer activities at WUSM until at least 4/30/20**. This applies to observers of any capacity outside of Washington University School of Medicine, including, high school students, college students (including Wash U), medical students/residents from other medical schools, and other health care professionals. **This does not apply to our own medical students**. While clearly essential to our overall reputation as a welcoming and world-class institution, observers are not essential to our overall mission, particularly at this uncertain time. Additionally, we have significant difficulty centrally tracking observers including where they have recently traveled prior to their arrival (an issue that is actively being worked on). If you currently have an observer, you should suspend this activity immediately. Additionally, you should advise any planned observers over the next few months that we will not be able to accept them. The duration of this interim action will depend on how the COVID-19 issues play out over the next few weeks/months. Thank you very much for your cooperation during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

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