



# Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

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Dear CMSRU Students, Faculty and Staff:

A short time ago, Rowan University announced that it was extending Spring Break for students through March 27. Please note that we will use March 23-27 as a week to test our plan to deliver our M1 and M2 curriculum predominantly online. **Students, faculty and staff at CMSRU should plan to be at school/work on Monday, March 23.**

At CMSRU, we have activated a task force to develop clear and comprehensive plans for minimizing disruption of our curriculum should the school be required to close. We will have those plans finalized in the coming days and will share them with you. This includes moving to online classes and lectures wherever possible. We will be requesting your assistance in testing some of those online modalities.

At this time, medical students on clinical rotations should continue their assignments as long as it's feasible. However, I've given the directive that **no medical student should be involved in direct care of a known or suspected COVID-19 patient.** This decision was made to protect our students as well as preserve needed personal protective equipment for patient care providers.

The COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly. As more testing is completed in the coming days, I expect that we are going to see a significant increase in confirmed cases. I urge everyone to remain calm, and to continue being vigilant with your personal hygienic and infection control measures. We will do our best to keep you informed as we navigate through the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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