



# Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

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Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

As we near completion of another week of sheltering at home and social distancing, I am glad to report that our remote learning activities seem to be going as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Thank you all for your efforts in making this work. I was able to join a few more active learning groups this week and it was great to see students and faculty (and some pets), and have an opportunity to answer questions. We still don't know when we'll be physically back at our medical education building or when students will be allowed back into the clinical environment. I am cautiously optimistic that southern New Jersey has not been as hard-hit as other areas.

Dr. Sundip Patel released important information for our current M3 students. I want to make it clear that all of the remote learning that you are currently doing is part of our curriculum and will count toward your academic progress.

Many of our current M2s and M3s have asked about Step examinations. I want to assure everyone that CMSRU will make the necessary adjustments to our current policies so that the inability to take Step exams in the normal time frame will not interfere with progression in the curriculum or commencement on time. The Office of Medical Education will be releasing important information on this topic later today or tomorrow.

Email remains our primary method of communication, so please check your email every day to look for important messages from CMSRU. I also want our team to be able to answer your questions and address your concerns related to this crisis in a timely fashion. To accomplish that, we have set up an official, centralized email address:

[COVID19\\_CMSRU@rowan.edu](mailto:COVID19_CMSRU@rowan.edu). I urge you to submit your questions via this email address, where they will be triaged to the appropriate person. It is likely that others have the same or a similar question, so please send your questions as instructed above. Additionally, I have asked the Office of Student Affairs to set up three virtual Town Hall meetings -one for each class (M1-M3). The dates and times will be announced soon.

Lastly, if any students are experiencing food insecurity, I want to remind you that the SHOP Food Pantry & Resource Center on Rowan's main campus in Glassboro is available to you. SHOP is currently open Mondays from 3-6 p.m. and Fridays from Noon-3 p.m. If you are unable to make it during these days/times, email [theshop@rowan.edu](mailto:theshop@rowan.edu) to discuss alternative options. [For more information and the pantry location, visit the SHOP website here.](#)

I also wanted to share with you a photo of my horse, Casey, out and about but being a good citizen by wearing his mask and socially distancing himself from one of his buddies. I urge you all to keep doing the same!

Stay well!

Sincerely,

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