Dear MD Clerkship and PG Trainees,

We are encouraged by the acceleration of the vaccine roll-out across the province and in Toronto, but know there is a great deal of anxiety around the prioritization, logistics and timing of the rollout - which is being done through the individual hospitals by Ministry directive. The hospitals are committed to vaccinating health professional learners as part of their vaccination roll out plans. We are actively working with hospital partners to establish the exact process of distribution and we wish to assure you that we are all committed to ensuring that health professional learners are **reliably and systematically included in the vaccination plans, regardless of rotation schedule**. We appreciate your tolerance during the initial pilot work aimed to test out distribution logistics and avoid wastage of any doses, which resulted in the lottery system and variable distribution in the attempts to maximize usage rates. As capacity and dose availability increase, we anticipate that the impact of the lottery system will diminish and new processes will be put into place to maximize the distribution and timeliness of vaccinations.

We will be working with MD education leaders, Postgraduate Medical Education program and fellowship directors and site leads to develop a system that ensures no trainee is left behind, and that risk drives initial allocation decisions. In the meantime, we ask for your patience and attention to three key requests:

1. Please continue to follow instructions at your local sites, including when to enter waiting lists or lottery systems,
2. Do not enter a wait list or lottery unless explicitly asked to do so by the local organizers and do not share invitations, and
3. Do not enter more than one lottery system or at more than one hospital, this creates significant administrative work and undermines the equity of access principles that are important in getting
us all through this important next phase.

We are all hoping for a better 2021 but also understand that the next months will continue to be trying and turbulent. We want to support all of your needs - the Office of Health Professions Student Affairs or Postgraduate Wellness, as well as your program leadership are committed to your wellbeing and health.

Sincerely,

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