Dear Residents and Fellows,

I am writing to provide an update on some operational issues related to COVID-19 and its impact on learning and service delivery. In general, the last couple of weeks have seen a steady state of COVID-19 activity in the hospitals with some fluctuations in other service volumes to help hospitals adapt. Concern remains about the possibility and magnitude of a third wave so we will continue to work with our hospitals and programs to proactively plan for multiple scenarios.

**Vaccinations**

Thankfully, vaccination provision has resumed in most hospitals, and most consider ALL patient facing learners eligible for booking. We have developed a Q and A (attached) to help with challenges in accessing vaccinations, including managing leaves and inter-hospital assignments. It is also on our COVID website, along with many other resources for you [here](#).

**A curriculum to help health care workers** address concerns and questions about vaccinations has been developed and it may useful in your own decision-making. It is available [here](#):

Please send confirmation of both first and second doses to PGME so that we can track any gaps in resident access to vaccinations via this [link](#).

**Redeployment**

Again, thanks to all for your acceptance of redeployment needs. It must be a fluid process to allow us to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances (an outbreak can happen any time and create urgent needs, and patient volumes can suddenly change so that redeployments are no longer necessary). For the key areas affected, ICUs and CTUs, we have engaged small working groups to help plan and orchestrate our approach. We will continue to redeploy only to the extent necessary to sustain services and preserve ability of all residents to get adequate breaks - as we know too well, this is a marathon not a sprint so we need to try and keep everybody well as we make our way through the pandemic. In response to feedback from residents, we will aim to redeploy individuals for shorter times to allow for meaningful time on the 'home' rotation and also try to cover brief call needs through alternative methods rather than redeploying from one rotation to another.

I wish you all well as spring approaches and we see some impact of vaccinations and evolving societal measures. We are here to help to the extent we can, please contact our various advice portals:

A reminder that Postgraduate Wellness is available to provide support at pgwellness@utoronto.ca

For any questions regarding redeployment, please contact pgme.redeployment@utoronto.ca

For all other questions related to postgraduate medical education, please contact postgrad.med@utoronto.ca.

Sincerely,