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## **A Message from the Dean of Student Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine;**

Dear **BSOM Students**,

As you know, the nation's attention has temporarily pivoted from the COVID-19 pandemic to the civil rights atrocities that have been ignited by the George Floyd incident in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This has resulted in several violent protests in America's major cities.

Today there were two peaceful protests scheduled to occur in Dayton. This evening's protest deteriorated into several episodes of vandalism in downtown Dayton. **Dayton's mayor, Nan Whaley, issued a 9:00 PM curfew for the downtown Dayton. For your safety, I am asking our students not to venture into the downtown area after the 9:00 PM curfew until it has been officially suspended.**

Yesterday I reached out to a few SNMA and LNMA student representatives to ask them how the BSOM administration could assist students of all races, cultures, and social backgrounds to cope with a tragedy not created by disease, or nature. It is a festering wound that cannot heal as long as humans fail to value the existence of all people. I have asked these students if the BSOM administration could provide our students with something more actionable than an additional statement condemning institutional racism.

Earlier today Wright State University president, Dr. Susan Edwards, issued the following statement on behalf of the University:

**"It is not enough to say that Wright State University has an unwavering commitment to diversity and inclusion. I want to express our horror at the tragic and disturbing events that unfurled in Minneapolis this week. This is yet another painful reminder of the persistence of racial inequity and injustice in our country, and it only underscores our responsibility to stand together in solidarity against acts like this and to promote equity and inclusion.**

**As president of Wright State University, I understand the limitations of a message like this, because it comes at a time when many in our community are in pain and angry. At the same time, I hope you know that I stand with you in these challenging times."**

In the past when we were not socially distanced, we could gather together with our students in the confines of White Hall to have a sober discussion about situations of this nature. Our students need more than thoughts and prayers to vanquish the rage, fear, and emotional confusion being felt by many of you. We must strive to create both an immediate intervention and a more enduring solution to assist our students with navigating through another disturbing sequence of events in our nation's history. As stated by Dr. Edwards, **we stand with you in these challenging times.**

Until we meet, either virtually or in person, I encourage you to protect yourself from the COVID-19 infection and protect yourself from potential physical injury by not venturing into any areas where large crowds are gathering.

Stay safe and forever strong,  
Gary L. LeRoy, MD, FAAFP

## **Frequently Asked Questions;**

### **Will the pre-matriculation program be in person or conducted virtually?**

The pre-matriculation program will be conducted virtually.

### **Will orientation be live or virtual?**

Orientation will be conducted virtually from July 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

### **What day should incoming students be physically in the area?**

Incoming students must be physically in the area by July 13<sup>th</sup> for the start of classes.

NOTE: The 14-day self-quarantine order set forth by the Governor of Ohio has been lifted. A 14-day self-quarantine is no longer required for those coming from out of state. The CDC does still recommend a 14-day quarantine for those traveling from outside the country.

### **What is the current status on the white coat ceremony?**

Details are in development.

### **Are classes going to be in person or online?**

Classes are scheduled to be in a small group format using appropriate social distancing protocols.

### **Do you anticipate making any changes to the curriculum and how it is taught now that the USMLE will be pass/fail?**

No, we prepare students for taking care of patients, and as part of that process prepare students for the USMLE.

### **Will campus facilities such as the library be open to students for studying?**

White Hall, where Boonshoft School of Medicine is located, will be open but it is uncertain at this point when other WSU campus facilities will be available for student use.

### **Will there be changes to the Anatomy course, specifically to the dissection portion?**

There will be adjustments depending on the current state of the pandemic and the guidance from the Ohio department of Health. However, we do expect that there will still be lab/dissection time.

### **Are special interest groups like student clubs still active despite the pandemic?**

Overall, we have over 50 student organizations, 14 of them are currently fully active. More information on student clubs can be found here: <https://medicine.wright.edu/student-life>. Additional questions regarding student clubs and interest groups can be directed to McKenna Koewler at [mckenna.koewler@wright.edu](mailto:mckenna.koewler@wright.edu).

### **When will we get information from CastleBranch regarding immunizations and do we still need to get immunizations despite some clinics now being closed?**

You will receive an email from Dr. Kim Gilliam in June regarding your CastelBranch account. Our required immunizations are listed [here](#) and are still required. Upload information regarding the immunizations you have and do your best to get the ones you don't have. Situations will be

considered on a case-by-case basis and we understand delays are inevitable given the Covid-19 Pandemic. Student Health, here on campus, is still open and offers appointments so many students wait until they get here to get immunizations at Student Health.

Note: for immunizations requiring qualitative titers, you must provide documentation of numerical results (i.e. a lab report).

**Is research still being conducted at Wright State?**

Yes, to different degrees, depending on the research.

**Will exams still be NBME/USMLE style even though they will not be delivered in person?**

Yes, almost all of our questions are NBME/USMLE style.

**What subscription services are included with tuition?**

Some subscriptions are accessible through the library. In addition, monies for other subscriptions are figured into financial aid packages and can be used at the discretion of the student.

**Will M2's still be paired with incoming M1's?**

Yes, M2's and M1's will still be paired as part of the orientation process.

**Where can I mail my final transcripts? Can they be sent digitally?**

You can have official transcripts mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine  
190 White Hall  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy.  
Dayton, OH 45435

Official transcripts can be submitted digitally to *SOM-Admissions@Wright.edu*.

**Who can I contact about financial aid?**

Questions about financial aid can be directed to Michelle Feichtner, Manager of BSOM Financial Aid Programs, Office of Financial Aid at *Michelle.Feichtner@Wright.edu*.