Hello, Student Pharmacists!

Pharmacists and student pharmacists are among the individuals entrusted to care for those who are ill and as health care professionals, we have an important role to play in health systems, hospitals and other settings where patients with coronavirus infection will receive care. Showing compassion to those that are ill in times like this, distinguishes the health professions, including pharmacy, from all others. This email provides information about your experiential rotations and how you might be affected by the rapidly changing situation with COVID-19.

We anticipate that most practice sites may limit the number of individuals able to participate in providing direct care for patients infected with the coronavirus. This means that sites may suspend student rotations. This would affect your ability your current rotation within the originally scheduled time frame.

Your ability to complete your rotation would also affected if you contract the coronavirus, yourself. Yesterday, President Schlissel sent an email to the University community outlining recommendations to promote a safe, healthy environment for our community. I have attached a copy for your review. Very importantly, if you are sick, you are to stay home from rotations. The COP absence policy will remain in effect at this time; however, any adjustments that we need to make to assist with any coronavirus-related attendance issues will be communicated to you later.

Each institution and organization where you are completing your experiential rotations (or where you are working as an intern) will have specific procedures and guidelines in place for when and how to respond to COVID-19. Please check with your preceptor on what you need to know and do and, until advised to do otherwise by the University, please adhere to the site procedures and guidelines. Also, please observe the following guidelines:

- If you have any questions or receive information from your site that you would like us to be aware of, please let us know.
- If you are on experiential rotations where quarantine guidelines are put into place, please adhere to those parameters and report the situation to the Office of Experiential Education immediately. The college reserves the right to unilaterally remove students from placements should the situation warrant that response.
- If you are dismissed from your site because of quarantine policies, please report the situation to the Office of Experiential Education immediately.
- Out-of-state and international rotations are subject to travel restrictions imposed by the University, state, or other institutions, including the Centers for Disease Control, and may be cancelled or postponed.

If it is appropriate to do so, the Office of Experiential Education will work with individual students affected by any of the above conditions to find an alternate rotation site or develop personalized APPE plans to ensure on time graduation. We will appreciate your flexibility as the coronavirus situation continues to evolve.
Finally, please know that the COP administrative team is working to develop a contingency plan to ensure that all P4 students who are unable to complete rotations because of coronavirus will graduate on time.

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