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Hello everyone,

As we continue to have changes related to Covid 19, travel and quarantine, we have been reassessing the policies and procedures related to electives on an ongoing basis. The summary below lists areas of change regarding virtual electives and a reiteration of elective scheduling limits which have not changed. These have been approved by the curriculum committees.

At this time, there is a 2-week quarantine which is recommended by the ND DOH and is required by UND SMHS following out of state travel (including for Step 2 testing). East Grand Forks and Moorhead have been exempted from this requirement due to proximity to ND.

Elective scheduling limitations 2020-2021

1. New additions:
 - a. Virtual away electives may be taken as long as they fall within your specialty scheduling limits
 - b. You will be allowed to schedule up to 4 virtual electives (including both UND SMHS and away virtual electives)
 - c. Virtual ER and Radiology at UND SMHS may be taken with case by case approval from the department (the intention is that these are taken only if you are not able to participate in an in person version of the elective such as in the case of quarantine)

2. No changes:
 - a. Elective specialty scheduling limits
 - b. In person away elective policy for 2020-2021
 1. You may take at maximum one in person away elective (within the US) and must meet one of the following criteria
 - a. UND SMHS does not have a residency in the specialty and you will be participating in an elective with residents in that specialty
 - b. UND SMHS does not offer the specific elective you will be taking
OR
 - c. UND SMHS does offer the elective but all time periods on all campuses are full.
 2. Please remember that for final approval of your away elective, you must send objectives for the course to Dr. Zelewski once it has been approved by your campus dean. Please do this as soon as your course is approved as this year we must also confirm extra safety items with your site (not treating Covid + patients, and the proper provision of PPE during your rotation).
 - c. One AI must be completed in person at UND SMHS

Medical education plans related to Covid-19 continue to rapidly change. We will communicate as soon as any new developments occur (such as changes in quarantine or scheduling changes due to clinical site closures).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus dean or myself with questions.

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