



MedStar Health

To: Residents and Fellows  
GME Program Directors  
GME Coordinators  
GME Leadership

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Subject: GME Electives

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As you are aware, GME elective rotations to other institutions were temporarily suspended in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are now in a position to begin a slow phase-in of elective rotations with some additional provisions.

Effective July 1, 2020:

- Residents/fellows may resume outside electives with the pre-approval of their Program Director.
- The following provisions are in place, indefinitely:
- Resident/fellow MUST:
  - Provide outside hospital's PPE policy and have the PPE attestation form complete. Outside hospital's PPE requirements must have the same basic requirements as MedStar Health. This information must be presented to the Program Director, and then to GME.
  - Agree that if workforce needs change, elective may be cancelled and/or the resident/fellow may be asked to return at an earlier date
  - Understand the risks associated with travel.
- Additionally, program directors MUST:
  - Assure the hosting hospital has adequate clinical volume and educational capacity for an optimal learning experience
  - Assure resident/fellow will not be re-deployed to another clinical area while on elective
  - Assure departmental workforce needs are being met
  - Actively monitor the rotation and assure provisions are in place to immediately return the resident/fellow in the event of enhanced pandemic response or other disaster

We will review these restrictions and reassess in September, 2020. Please let me know if you have any questions.