

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

Educational Programs (Trainees Guidance)



Audience: Nursing, GME and other trainees participating in educational programs

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Guidance for participants in educational programs such as Nursing, GME and others

Trainees currently participating in clinical training programs should be allowed to continue and finish their programs without interruption. These students' clinical shifts are not to be postponed/canceled as we do not view the trainees as external community members.

These students are our Ministry's future workforce, many of whom could be our future colleagues working side-by-side with us as early as May. The clinical knowledge they're receiving – even during this time of COVID-19 spread – is an invaluable part of their learning experience and should not be interrupted. Caring for infectious patients and learning how to properly use personal protective equipment (PPE) is an important part of the training process. Additionally, blocking these experiences would negatively affect the students' ability to graduate and join this highly valuable and needed clinical workforce.