



EMORY | SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DPT Program: Fall 2020

Dear Students,

You should have just received an email from Emory University regarding the Fall 2020 semester. **Some of the information in that email does not apply to students in the SOM, including DPT students.** Any changes in the curriculum or calendar will come from DPT faculty or staff.

Although the Division faculty have not yet received all the new developments and policies about the Fall semester from the Dean of the School of Medicine, we feel we need to make certain proactive decisions. As I have previously indicated, our top priority is to ensure that you have been educated to the level that will prepare you for success, and allow you to graduate on time. The pandemic events of the last few months have particularly limited our ability to teach you hands-on clinical skills and to supervise and evaluate your practice of those skills

Because of this, we feel it necessary to extend the Fall semester by one week to end on Dec 18th 2020, for the first and third year students. That is the end date already for the second year students. This could mean that, when we are allowed back on campus, we can offer more lab experiences that are so essential to your professional education. For the third year students, it will help enable us to offer the elective courses with a bit more flexibility in their formats. We have previously had the policy to abide by the tentative three year schedules that you receive initially as much as we can, and it is only rarely that we have to deviate from those plans. But, certainly this year has presented challenges that were unforeseeable, and having more time with you will be a major strategy to reverse any losses and to allow you on-time graduations.

I want to thank the faculty who have been working tirelessly to plan a Fall semester with rich educational experiences for you.

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