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The AY22 recruitment season is in full swing. Every year, we have medical students from across the United States and around the world applying to the University of Washington's residency programs. We welcome your application and hope that you have a great Match season.

We want to ensure that the recruitment season is both safe and equitable. To this end, we are following the recent <u>recommendations released by the Coalition for Physician Accountability</u> (CoPA). The University of Washington plans to follow the 3 major issues facing applicants and residency programs during this recruitment season: 1) away rotations, 2) interviews, and 3) ERAS timelines.

First, all recruitment interviews for residency programs at the University of Washington will be conducted 100% virtually. If you are offered an interview, you will receive instructions from the program director. Second, our programs are limiting away rotations (externships) to one per learner, per specialty, except in cases where additional rotations are needed to complete graduation or accreditation requirements to medical students. Visiting medical students are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to their rotation at the University of Washington. Our programs may offer virtual electives to provide opportunities for learners to explore their specialty of interest. Third, medical students who are interested in applying to our programs should do so through the appropriate electronic application system (ERAS,SF Match or AUA/SAU Match)

We also want to inform all candidates who are applying to our programs that, at this time, the goal of UW Medicine is to vaccinate 100% of our employees against COVID -19. As employees of the University of Washington, residents and fellows are required to be vaccinated or have an approved medical or religious exemption. All candidates who match with one of our programs must fulfill this vaccination requirement before beginning their residency.

Sincerely,

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