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Dear Students,

We sincerely hope all our student body is keeping safe in these unprecedented times. If there is anything we can do to help please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

The management of Saint James School of Medicine would like to inform the student body of the following in consideration of the COVID-19 global pandemic.

1. Upon consultation with our accrediting bodies (ACCM/CAAM-HP), we have decided to offer the following two options for our Basic Science courses for the upcoming Spring Semester (2021).
 - We will continue to conduct remote classes via an online platform for the benefit of students who may not be able to travel to the islands.
 - For those who'd prefer to travel to the campus, our classes will be conducted in person and the campuses will remain fully open, staffed, and functional. Please be familiar with the current travel protocols of each island. If you have any questions, please reach out to your Dean of Student Affairs or Campus Manager. If you are planning to travel to the campus for the Spring 2021 Semester, please complete the online [SJSM Student Travel Form](#). This helps us to coordinate with the local island government.
2. For our clinical students, there are no current limitations on rotation availability due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please reach out to the Clinical Department for scheduling assistance.
3. As you should be aware, the Step 2 CS has been suspended by the USMLE program until mid to late 2021. In response to this, the ECFMG has identified pathways that will allow qualified IMGs who have not passed Step 2 CS to meet the requirements for ECFMG Certification. One of the pathways mentioned includes, 'Pathway 3: Medical School Accredited by Agency Recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education (WFME).' This means that our students will be able to participate in Match 2021 unhindered. For further information please refer to the following link:

<https://www.ecfm.org/certification-requirements-2021-match/>

Any student who is applying to the 2021 Match and did not pass the USMLE Step 2 CS, will need to have a Clinical Skills Attestation Form completed by the school for ECFMG Certification. The form can be obtained from [ECFMG](#). You will need to complete the top portion of the form and then e-mail it to records@mail.sjasm.org for completion. Please put "CS Attestation Form" as the email subject to ensure prompt processing of the form.



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The management at SJSM is constantly working to improve the school and its student outcomes. Your success is our success. We care and hope for the best for all our students past and present.

Good luck, stay safe, and we are confident you will make us proud in the years to come.

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