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Dear UBC Residents,

**Re: URGENT COVID-19 AHD update**

Today, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority (VCHA) sent out a communication which states, in part, that "all non-essential group meetings (for example, educational rounds) should be suspended. Group meetings that are deemed essential for patient care may continue at this time at the discretion of the division and the department heads."

As a result, all resident in person group academic sessions are to be suspended and alternate arrangements (where possible) made. As residents are all employees of the Health Authorities and we want to ensure safety and fairness for everyone, this applies to all UBC residents, regardless of training site.

More detailed information can be found on the PGME website at:

<https://postgrad.med.ubc.ca/current-trainees/covid-19-how-is-ubc-faculty-of-medicine-monitoring-the-situation/>

Sincerely,

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