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Subject: Update on COVID-19 and SP Safety

Dear **Standardized Patients,**

In light of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Standardized Patient Program at the University of Toronto is responding to concerns from our SPs about their safety at the upcoming teaching and simulation projects for MD program students, and licensure exams. We are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health continues to advise that the risk to Ontarians is low.

For teaching and simulation projects - The Faculty of Medicine has adopted procedures regarding international travel for all medical students. Any MD Program student returning from any international travel (e.g. for electives, selectives, research, vacation, etc.) is required to submit a completed screening form to their designated Academy. This procedure includes that any medical student who is symptomatic upon or subsequent to their return from international travel must stay home.

For Assessment Projects - When we have additional information regarding a specific exam, protocols for screening candidates by health professionals or change in exam venue etc. we will inform you.

IMPORTANT - If you have recently returned from any international travel or have any symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing), consult your primary health care provider and please let the SPP recruiter or Project Manager know immediately.

The University of Toronto continues to follow the directions of the Public Health Agency of Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Toronto and Peel Region Public Health Departments. Our latest advice continues to be updated in the **[FAQs for the U of T community](#)**.



We recommend that you stay informed on the latest information about symptoms and treatment, how to protect yourself, and the status of COVID-19 by following any of the credible information sources:

[Toronto Public Health](#)

[Ontario Ministry of Health](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

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