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Dear Students,

Due to the unprecedented public health crisis presented by the COVID 19 pandemic and the critical need to quickly identify and control the spread of COVID 19 infections, we are constantly monitoring the most up to date information regarding policies and procedures to be safe.

As you all are well aware the COVID-19 virus has mutated to multiple very virulent and aggressive strains and it is important that we keep ourselves, our clients/patients, our peers, and our families safe.

Information, as it filters through federal, state, and local agencies is ever-evolving and we promise to keep you as up to date as possible. As it stands, the FDA has not approved the vaccines developed to stem the tide of the virus. There are policies requiring non-vaccinated students and testing schedules that have been sent through the University, and the most recent information on exemptions can be found here:

https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/studentaffairs/shs/COVID-Vaccine_Exemptions.php

Community agencies are adhering to NYS requirements that individuals working in patient-facing positions should get vaccinated and must comply with state oversight agencies and funders. If an agency requires the vaccine for you to participate in their internship, then you must choose to become vaccinated, or select another placement opportunity that may not currently require the vaccine. Following the onboarding requirements of agencies is crucial for placement planning purposes.

Please continue to check your SBU email for updates on policies regarding vaccination, and exemptions, and please work closely with your Office of Field Education Faculty to manage your field practicum plans. Remember, we are all in this together.

Be well!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Warren K. Graham'.

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