

## iEXCEL Response to COVID-19: Re-Imagining!

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iEXCEL teams are working on creative ways to continue to interact, connect and engage with you using innovative approaches and the technologies in the Davis Global Center. While the majority of the iEXCEL staff currently work remotely, we have several staff who are designated as “essential” to ensure that selected training, research and development activities can continue to be supported. Response to COVID-19 is taking the highest priority at this time – although this is not exclusive. In response to your questions about scheduling, making contact etc.:

**Advanced Simulation and Surgical Activities:** Please continue to plan simulation activities, bearing in mind that simulation is often a “close encounter” - “hands-on” activity. So we are suggesting caution about the size of groups and relying upon using scheduled spaces for larger group training activities. Until the situation changes, we suggest the following:

1. Reach out to iEXCEL for ideas and adaptations that could supplement your regular simulation activities
2. Plan future simulation activities – especially how to conduct them
3. Contact us to update – or create new simulation scenarios with our simulation staff
4. Consider using iEXCEL visualization assets and embedding these in your on-line curriculum
5. Use the Davis Global Center for testing and research of products or procedures

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**Standardized Patients:** Our standardized patients have been extremely cooperative and are excited to continue working with you and the students. We have switched to ZOOM activities and are currently exploring options for physical examination.

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**Visualization Hub:** Please continue to generate ideas for visualizing medical content, this is a great opportunity to:

1. Put your visualization content on to CANVAS
2. Work on an existing project to update, label or add pre and post testing
3. Propose new visualization projects – including: creating new assets, and the filming of holographs

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**Events and Visitors:** Events formerly requested are remaining on the schedule. Each request is very different, so we are working with each requestor to help re-imagine how we could help conduct these events virtually should this be necessary i.e. still maintaining social distance. In other words, recommending a “Plan A” and yet have a “Plan B.” FB Live Events have been successful with SIM-NE and the outreach to rural emergency responders and Critical Access Hospitals

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The iEXCEL team appreciates your continued support to showcase, drive, and explore experiential, interprofessional learning through health care education. As we continue to work to adapt to the new normality of social distancing, we will also continue to support your needs in any way that we can.

iEXCEL Operational Teams are meeting daily and we are well-connected as specialized “teams within a team” meeting with the team leaders. So, we are strongly encouraging you to reach out to the leaders of the iEXCEL teams to continue to offer innovative ways to continue teaching, learning and discovering!

Sincerely Yours,

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