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Dear Students,

We have received many emails and phone calls from incoming students regarding the mode of instruction for the upcoming Spring 2021 semester. Student safety is our top priority and we appreciate everyone's patience during this time.

Although there have been very few cases of COVID-19 in the Caribbean, in the interest of public health and safety, Saint James School of Medicine will conduct the Spring 2021 semester via online platform (in conformity with directives issued by the US, Canadian, Anguilla, and St. Vincent governments, as well our accreditors, ACCM and CAAM-HP), in addition to live in-person lecture/labs. This way, you will not have to experience any delays in your education. We believe this is the best solution to ensure the safety of all students, faculty, and the local island population, as this is our top priority.

Please note, our campuses are open and Spring classes will commence on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, as originally scheduled. Our faculty will conduct live classes from the campus as normal.

Anguilla and St. Vincent have opened for commercial travel with varying degrees of quarantine restrictions. Returning to the island campus is an option for SJSM students, but it is not currently required. Please do not travel to the island unless you are aware of the current travel protocols and you have received clearance from your Enrollment Advisor. Students must notify the SJSM administration when they are planning to travel to the campus. If you plan on traveling to campus, you are required to complete the online [SJSM Student Travel Form](#).

Further information regarding login instructions, hardware requirements, and more will be provided in the coming weeks. Mandatory, in-person classes are expected to resume on campus in the Summer semester, meaning that you will have one semester of remote courses and travel down to the island for the remainder of the Basic Sciences beginning in May 2021 (if the situation permits).

Those students who choose to travel down to the campus, can reach out to their Enrollment Advisor for assistance in securing housing and meeting immigration requirements. All incoming students should continue to submit their required enrolment documents as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out Jennifer VanDeCarr at jvandecarr@mail.sjsm.org.

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