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Dear colleagues,

As another week draws to a close, I want to share a few updates with you about our school's ongoing institutional response to the coronavirus pandemic. While this is a short update, please rest assured that every single member of our community is working hard to ensure that – as much as possible – the work of our school is continuing as normal *and* that we are laying a foundation that will allow our school to come back even stronger in the future.

**“Frequently Asked Questions”**

Thank you to everyone who submitted questions about our school's COVID-19 response. We have posted an initial list of these questions (and answers!) on our website – you can access the page directly by [clicking here](#), and it is also linked from our COVID-19 information page.

We will continue to update this page on a rolling basis, both to add new information and to potentially update answers based on new or evolving information. If you have a question that's not answered on the current list, you can submit it through [this web form](#).

**Graduation Requirements Task Force**

I am anticipating that the Graduation Requirements Task Force will be submitting a final report (covering both predoctoral students and postdoctoral residents) next week. Upon receipt, I will be reviewing the respective report(s) with the task force's co-chairs, Dr. Celeste Kong and Dr. Cataldo Leone, and then expect that I will be able to share the report's highlights with the community within the next week or two.

**New Task Force: Planning for 2020-21 Academic Year**

In addition to focusing on the successful completion of the current academic year, I want to assure you that we are also planning for the 2020-21 academic year with the goal of being even better than we were before. To this end, I have established the Task Force for the Successful Planning of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine 2020-21 Academic Year. I have asked Dr. Margaret Errante, associate dean for quality management, compliance, and continuing education, and Dr. Alexander Bendayan, assistant dean for digital development and clinical training and ad interim chair, Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials, to co-chair this Task Force, and I am very pleased to announce that they have accepted these roles.

In the coming weeks, I will share more information about the charge to and goals of the Task Force, along with its composition. So, please stay tuned for more information as the Task Force provides support, guidance, and oversight to ensure continued excellence in all of our programs.

### **Dean's Advisory Board**

I am pleased to share that we were able to move our regularly scheduled April meeting of the Dean's Advisory Board online, as we will gather around a virtual conference table this morning to review a number of important topics related to COVID-19. The members of the Dean's Advisory Board always provide valuable counsel and guidance to me and the school's leadership, and I am looking forward to getting their feedback on our institutional response to the coronavirus pandemic.

### **Additional Resources**

As always, I encourage you to bookmark the COVID-19 information pages maintained by [the university](#), [BUMC](#), and [GSDM](#). Additionally, please do follow GSDM on social media ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)) as we are frequently sharing information, resources, and stories about our community on these platforms.

I want to thank each of you for the hard work you are contributing to support our school and our community. Mrs. Hutter and I continue to keep all of you in our thoughts and prayers and to send our best wishes to you and your loved ones for your continued health and safety.

Sincerely,

Dean Hutter

