

Program Directors and Coordinators,

Programs are preparing for new residents and fellows to start over the next few weeks. Per Dr. Nafziger, UAB Employee Health is not requiring new residents or fellows to quarantine due to COVID-19 risk unless they are arriving here while symptomatic. This includes international graduates. We recommend that any incoming resident or fellow that will be coming from outside UAB or inside UAB and has had exposures or is symptomatic to report this via the official reporting site on the UAB One site (<https://www.oneuabmedicine.org/coronavirus>).

Symptoms include: fever (>100.0 or subjective fever), cough, SOB or difficulty breathing, chills, myalgias, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell. Programs should communicate with their incoming trainees to report any symptoms or close contact with a COVID+ patient or close community contact with someone who is known COVID+ within the past 14 days. These individuals will need assessment by Employee Health prior to starting work.

The GME Office sent out this information last week to incoming trainees due to start this year, as well as preparatory materials for them to review prior to starting work. The preparatory materials included information around Employee Health/reporting/testing, universal masking and PPE donning and doffing.

Thank you,
The GME Team