March 18, 2020

Subject: Guidance for Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine (COM) related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

In light of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the subsequent disruption to healthcare services and medical student clinical rotations, the COCA provides the following guidance; COMs choosing to move to alternate/online education will be considered to be taking action consistent with COCA accreditation standards. As described in the prior announcement from COCA and AACOM on March 17, as well as in the March 11, 2020 COCA communication, COMs must submit a narrative plan to COCA outlining how the curriculum will be replaced. This plan must be submitted to COCA by April 1, 2020. Following COCA approval, the plan must be updated monthly and sent to COCA for the duration of the time the alternative curriculum plan is in place.

Please submit your curriculum plan to predoc@osteopathic.org. If you have any questions, please call COCA staff at 312-202-8124.