Dear Class of 2024,

Welcome to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine! You are joining the community of health care professionals at a challenging and unique time in our global history. We, in the Office of Student Affairs, are looking forward to working with each of you and helping you adjust to medical school. This office plays an integral role in the education of medical students. The Office of Student Affairs offers academic and career counseling and provides a wide variety of other support services for our students on a daily basis. The office serves as a student advocate and a liaison between students, faculty, and administration.

Please go to the Class of 2024 link to access the following important documents related to your upcoming matriculation into TTUHSC School of Medicine:

- Welcome from the Dean
- Class of 2024 important dates/2020 – 2021 MS 1 academic calendar
- Clinical campus information and preference form
- Significant Other Verification Form
- Computer requirements for 2020 – 2021
- Medical services and immunization requirements
- Student health insurance requirement
- TTUHSC SOM Immunization Requirements Form
- Financing medical school information (from TTUHSC Financial Aid Office)
- Title IX and HIPAA modules instruction sheet
- Safety training instructions
- Required equipment for MS 1 students
- New Student Information instructions
- White coat sizing chart
- White Coat Ceremony information

Items to that need to be returned to the Office of Student Affairs:

- Clinical campus preference form – due May 22, 2020
- New Student Information – due May 22, 2020
- Health insurance verification – due August 10, 2020

Documents to that need to be returned to the Office of Institutional Health:

- SOM immunization requirements and supporting documentation – due July 10, 2020

Other important notes related to joining the TTUHSC School of Medicine community:

*It is your responsibility to keep us informed of any address changes* by emailing claire.egan@ttuhsc.edu to ensure you are receiving timely communication from us that is necessary prior to your matriculation.
Prior to MS 1 orientation, you are expected to complete several online training modules. Follow the instructions provided for each set of required trainings:

1) Safety Training Education for Students (STEPS)
2) Lab Safety Essentials (LSE)
3) Title IX Training
4) HIPAA Privacy and Security Training

For the protection of our TTUHSC health care personnel and patients the School of Medicine has adopted a Blood Borne Pathogen Infection Policy for Medical Students. Please be familiar with this policy upon entry into the School of Medicine. If you have any questions regarding the Blood Borne Pathogen Infection Policy for Medical Students, please contact the School of Medicine Office of Student Affairs.

Class of 2024 MS 1 orientation will be virtual. The current dates for MS 1 virtual orientation are July 29th – July 31st. Attendance at MS 1 virtual orientation activities is mandatory for all incoming students. Details regarding MS 1 orientation will be made available to the class in a second communication you will receive from our office in July. Although MS 1 orientation will be virtual, the Year 1 curriculum officially starts Monday, August 3rd. All Class of 2024 students are expected to be present in Lubbock for the start of the Year 1 curriculum.

Housing in Lubbock is plentiful and rents are reasonable. Although some students want to buy houses, please remember the housing market is very uncertain and selling a house in two or four years may be difficult. Also, please be mindful that purchasing a house in Lubbock after receiving your acceptance to the School of Medicine does not impact assignment to a Lubbock based clinical campus for Years 3 and 4. To access the online Lubbock Apartment Guide, you can visit www.lubbockapartments.com/.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lubbock and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. Please visit, email, or call us at (806) 743-3005 if you have any questions, or if the Student Affairs staff can assist you in any way as you prepare to enter medical school.

Sincerely,

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