



# DE LA SALLE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES INSTITUTE

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## ACADEMICS COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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Dear Parents of Incoming Freshmen Class 2024,

Greetings! Hope you are well and that your families are safe.

We are all completely aware that this pandemic has disrupted all aspects of our lives more than we have expected. And if there is one sector that needs to move on and continue working and learning it is the health care sector and this is us. We need to strengthen our healthcare system by having new doctors to fill in the gap.

Ever since day 1 of this crisis, the DLSMHSI especially the College of Medicine have tried all means to continue working, revising, creating, and recreating our curriculum (contents and learning strategies) to find the most appropriate balance between studying, taking care of ourselves and our family. We need to be resilient. We have responded appropriately and tried to adapt to the current condition. Medical education in the 21st century is already requiring not only a traditional clinical education but also one that is up-to-date with the latest technologies in order to ensure flexibility in a dynamic workplace.

Thus, Distance Education/Online Learning Activities (OLA) were used to all students as they studied those materials at their own time and pace, self-directed like any adult learner. Quizzes or practice tests were also given for them to have self-assessment. Outputs were submitted. OLA were only given based on the revised schedule. No weekend activities and also during holidays like holy week. Faculty needs to do their part in all these activities. Our secretaries are also working from home. Grades and students's assessment were performed based.

Moving forward, the curriculum for AY 2020-2021 will be modified so that the content and learning strategies will be mostly distance education around 70-80% online, synchronous and asynchronous especially in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the academic year. Laboratory classes will be rescheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester when face to face will be permitted. Quizzes will be online as well as evaluation. Tasks and outputs will be requested for formative assessment as well. The College of Medicine has a well structured virtual environment and a well organized Health Informatics department and e-learning committee with trained faculty and personnel.

We therefore recommend that our students especially all freshmen to have the appropriate devices and infrastructure so they can actively participate in all our online activities. In case that you still don't have, LASO can assist you with the acquisition of such equipment.







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All opportunities for learning will be given to all medical students. New online softwares will be purchased to assist us. Manpower contingency which include faculty training/retraining on Distance Education and Online teaching and continuing professional development are currently being conducted. We hope that 80% of our faculty will be trained before the August 2020 Opening of Classes.

We are very optimistic that we will be able to overcome all the challenges we are now facing and turn all these into opportunities.

We highly appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our De La Salle Community including all the parents.

Welcome Class 2024 to DLSMHSI College of Medicine!

Thank you very much. Stay safe always. God Bless.

Yours St La Salle,

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