

Hello everyone,

I know these are stressful and uncertain times and you are experiencing a huge amount of upheaval what with elective, conference and exam cancellations not to mention worries about how your clinical training and education will be affected. Some of you have concerns about your own health and I wanted to make you aware that residents who are pregnant, immunocompromised and/or have an underlying cardiopulmonary condition are eligible for accommodations at work. You would be exempted from caring for patients with presumptive or confirmed Covid-19 and from participating in aerosol-producing procedures. Please see the list below.

High Risk:

- Endotracheal intubation & extubation
- High frequency oscillatory ventilation
- Bronchoscopy and bronchoalveolar lavage
- Laryngoscopy
- Positive pressure ventilation (BIPAP & CPAP)
- Autopsy of lung tissue
- Nasopharyngeal washing, aspirate, scoping
- Sputum induction

Other:

- Airway suctioning
- High-flow oxygen
- Tracheostomy care
- Chest physiotherapy
- Breaking closed ventilation system, intentionally (e.g. open suctioning), unintentionally (e.g. patient movement)
- Administration of aerosolizing or nebulizing medications
- Abscess/wound irrigation (non-respiratory TB)

If further accommodations are required, these will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For those of you requiring accommodation, please contact Resident Affairs or email me directly at Carolyn.thomson@dal.ca. New Brunswick residents are asked to contact Dr. Lisa Sutherland at Sutherll@dal.ca.

Please support each other and know that you can contact Resident Affairs should you require extra support.

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