



8th September 2020

Dear Trainee

Re: Operative Surgical Skills & Human Factors in Patient Safety - Attendance

I hope this letter finds you all well and adjusting to our new normal both in work and your personal environments. I wanted to touch base with as you settle in to your new rotation with regards to attending classes as per above or courses in RCSI as part of your training.

With this in mind and the ongoing concerns and disruption that Covid-19 continues to cause we need to be vigilant within our work practices and personal lives and continue to adhere to government guidelines.

In order that RCSI manage all government guidelines appropriately we would ask that you complete the RCSI online Health Questionnaire which will be circulated to you prior to attending any class or course in the College. This is a requirement of the College and necessary to ensure the safety of all our trainees, faculty and staff. This must be completed prior to each visit to the College.

If you are concerned that you may have symptoms or have been a close contact please don't hesitate to call or email the team in Surgical Training who will ensure confidentiality and privacy regarding any matter you may need to discuss. It is *also important* to adhere to government guidelines regarding any regional lockdown that may impact your ability to travel to classes and again I would strongly encourage you to advise the team in Surgical Training also as we will then have a record of same.

We are committed to delivering our classes to all trainees but are realistic that Covid-19 continues to cause disruption and may at any time impact our ability to continue to do so. We will ensure to communicate any updates if class schedules change or need to be rescheduled and ask that you work with us during a year which will no doubt see many more disruptions across our work, training and personal lives.

Stay safe,

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