Dear COM – T students,

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, we hope that you are safe and taking precautions to limit the spread of the virus.

The pandemic and associated curricular and social changes are having different consequences for our students based on their year of training. The COM – T is carefully considering these challenges and developing plans to mitigate any adverse effects on our student body.

We will be setting up a series of Zoom meetings in the near future, organized by class. While we don’t have all the answers, we do want to give the information we do have and answer questions to best of our ability.

Many of you want to help our healthcare system’s efforts to identify, treat and control COVID-19. The AAMC will be issuing guidance to medical schools shortly and we will be meeting with Banner leadership to identify areas that may be appropriate for student volunteers. At this time, your safety is our highest priority.

We know from personal experience that the uncertainly created by the COVID-19 pandemic is unsettling. Disruptions in our social support networks may also create a feeling of isolation. We encourage you to use virtual communication tools to continue to connect with peers, friends, family and us. The COM – T’s mental health programs continue to be available to you with telemedicine options.

Thank you for working with us as we navigate this challenging time together.

Kevin Moynahan & George Fantry