SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Office of Admissions and Student Affairs

Welcome, Class of 2024!

This year's orientation will be a bit different due to Covid-19 precautions, but we are excited to meet each of you and welcome you to Tulane and the Crescent City!

Student Orientation will proceed as scheduled on Friday, July 31. Small groups of students will be spaced apart utilizing multiple classrooms simultaneously in order to maintain social distancing. Orientation will consist of some zoom sessions interspersed with small group activities led by a faculty member or student host. We hope that these sessions will inform, inspire, and fascinate as you begin your career here at Tulane University School of Medicine.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Steamboat activity has been canceled. The Parent Orientation planned for Saturday, August 1 will be delivered entirely on-line in an interactive format. (Further details will follow.) The White Coat Ceremony, originally planned for Sunday, August 2, has been postponed until January, 2021. Instead, some special student events are being planned for portions of these two days.

The School of Medicine is actively planning for the start of the academic year on Monday, August 3. The curriculum is being significantly changed to address student and faculty safety by ensuring limited sized gatherings and social distancing. All large group activities will be moved to interactive on-line formats. This will require pre-course preparation and provide the opportunity to work in on-line small teams. Only very small group activities where participants can maintain safe distancing are being planned. These include limited small teams, structured cadaver activities, standardized patients, simulation activities, and selected direct clinical opportunities.

New Orleans is a historically proud and resilient city, and the Tulane School of Medicine has always been an integral part of the city's resurgence--from yellow fever to Hurricane Katrina. We welcome each of you as you join our mission of education, research, and patient care during yet another challenging period in the timeline of the Crescent City and the world.

Sincerely,

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