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Dear school representative,

As Intermountain continues to respond to the quickly evolving COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) situation, we are looking at everything we do through the lens of keeping our caregivers, patients and members, and communities as healthy and safe as possible.

Our students often work side-by-side with our frontline caregivers. This has led us to evaluate student safety and potential risks and exposures. After careful consideration, Intermountain’s student programs leadership has decided to suspend all student programs, effective immediately. We understand this decision may be disappointing to students for completion of their program, but their safety and limiting community spread is our highest priority. We look forward to having students back in our facilities when the risk of the virus spreading is no longer a concern in our communities.

We ask that you notify students who are impacted by this decision, and work with each of them on a supportive contingency plan for their educational requirements.

Intermountain will continue to closely monitor the situation and will update you as new information is made available by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Utah Department of Health.

We are grateful for your flexibility and dedication during this time and look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

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