



## School of Osteopathic Medicine

June 23, 2021

Dear RowanSOM Class of 2025:

We hope you are having a wonderful and enjoyable summer! We know that you are looking forward to starting your first year at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, and we are excited to welcome you.

Orientation for the Class of 2025 is scheduled for **Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup>**. There is also additional programming, including laptop pick-up, fit-testing and an optional BLS course on **Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. *Pre-orientation programming on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> is optional, but strongly encouraged for those who are able to attend.* All entering students are **required** to participate in the Orientation week programs. The full schedule of programming, including in-person, on-line and live Webex programs will be added to the Orientation website this week.

We are very happy to announce that the campus has ended most of its earlier restrictions, and you will experience more in-person learning, engagement and interactions with one another, your professors and staff during the academic year. Currently, only individuals who are not fully vaccinated for COVID-19 are required to wear face coverings in all buildings on campus. Anyone who prefers is encouraged to continue to wear face coverings on campus. Please note that the Rowan Medicine Building will remain the exception to the masking rules as all students entering the Rowan Medicine Building **MUST** wear a mask in all patient care areas and open spaces. *Please note that you will be visiting the Rowan Medicine Building as part of Orientation, and therefore, **will** need a mask for Orientation.*

With the closing of the Vaccine Center this month and removal of most restrictions on campus, we expect the Fitness Center and the Top Docs Café to also reopen in July!

### Orientation Website

We are excited to share our new Orientation Website for the Class of 2025! Please review this website carefully, as there are items you will need to complete in advance of Orientation Week, as well as a variety of valuable resources to prepare you for the upcoming semester. Please be sure to pay close attention to the deadline dates. This website will be updated regularly with additional information, so it is important to check the website frequently!

<http://go.rowan.edu/SOMorientation>

### Academic Schedule

Please refer to One45 for your class schedule, grades, and evaluations. All course materials and echo links, etc. will be posted in Canvas, Rowan University's online learning platform.

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### Registration

You will need to complete a number of online forms, attestations and modules to assist you with the registration process. See the Orientation website to access this information. Note that you are required to bring certain completed forms to campus – see the website under the tab “**Bring to On-Campus Session on July 12**”.

Also, during Orientation Week (Tuesday and Wednesday), students will visit with several departments to complete requirements. These include the Public Safety, Financial Aid, the Library, the Center for Teaching and Learning and Hand Washing.

Below, we have outlined the various registration materials and documents that are currently available or will soon be available to you:

- ✓ **Bursar Office Presentation and Information**
- ✓ **Financial Aid Information**
- ✓ **Public Safety Survey Link for Parking Hangtag\***
- ✓ **Public Safety Identification Photo Upload Instructions and ID Request Form\***
- ✓ **Required Student Attestation Survey**
- ✓ **Required and Recommended Textbook List**
- ✓ **Student Health Insurance Waiver and Enrollment**

### Student Health Insurance Program

All RowanSOM students are required to have health insurance and therefore must waive or enroll in the student health insurance plan. If you have health insurance through another insurer and seek to waive participation in this coverage, you must complete the online waiver form by **September 20, 2021**. *An email will be sent to you no later than July 1st with the links to waive or enroll this coverage, as well as links to the health insurance benefit information.*

Aetna will continue to be the student health insurance provider. **The insurance premium for AY 2021/2022 is \$5,384 for the coverage period of July 15, 2021 – July 14, 2022.**

Some highlights of the Aetna Student Health plan include:

- No referrals
- \$250 in-network deductible
- In-network urgent cares – covered at 80%
- In-network wellness and preventative care – covered at 100%
- In-network Primary Care office visits - \$30 copay
- In-network prescription drug coverage [Copay: \$0 (Preventative)/\$15 (Tier 1)/\$45 (Tier 2)/ \$75 (Tier 3)/\$100 (Tier 4)]

If you have any health insurance questions, please contact Brittany Mitchell at [mitchellba@rowan.edu](mailto:mitchellba@rowan.edu).

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### Student Handbook

The RowanSOM Student Handbook can be accessed at <https://som.rowan.edu/documents/studenthandbook.pdf>. It is each student's responsibility to be familiar with University policy and practices, the Academic Rules and Regulations, the RowanSOM Student Code of Conduct, program and degree requirements. Note that the Student Handbook has been recently updated (June 2021) and reflects the current policies, procedures and resources for student life at SOM.

You will be asked to sign an attestation form as part of the registration process acknowledging that it is your responsibility to read and understand the Student Handbook and remain informed of the rules, regulations and other requirements published in the Student Handbook or promulgated by the faculty, administration or Board of Trustees of Rowan University. Please note that official university and school communications, including updates to the Student Handbook, will be communicated via your Rowan e-mail account. It is your responsibility to check your e-mail on a daily basis.

### Big Brother/ Big Sister Match Program

All first-year students are expected to participate in the Big Brother/ Big Sister program, **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm**. First year students will be paired with a second-year student at this program. To facilitate the pairings, all students will be asked to complete a brief questionnaire. Check the Orientation website for the links for these new student questionnaires, which will be posted soon.

More information about the Big Brother/Big Sister program and the location to meet and connect with your "Big" will follow in your e-mail. Note that all first-year students are invited to join your "Big" at the **RowanSOM Orientation Block Party and Welcome Back BBQ that will be held on Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> on the green outside of the Academic Center at 5:15 pm**. *Note, in the event of inclement weather, this celebration will be held on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.*

### White Coat Ceremony

With social distancing restrictions lifted in New Jersey, we are working on finalizing a date for the class of 2025 White Coat Ceremony! Look for information to follow this summer about your ceremony – date, time and guest information.

We are excited about having you join the RowanSOM family, and we look forward to meeting you during Orientation Week. If you have any questions about Orientation Week, please contact Brittany Quintana, Program Development Specialist at [quinta02@rowan.edu](mailto:quinta02@rowan.edu).

Best Regards,

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