

## **Learner News**

Week of September 28

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unique challenges for all stakeholders involved in the 2021 R1 match. Below you will find updates on two key new initiatives:

### **Canadian Residency Virtual Promotion Guide**

As there will not be in-person activities for the class of 2021, it is essential for applicants to have the opportunity to find out more about different residency programs across Canada that will meet their career and life goals.

Residency programs also have a need to promote themselves in order to highlight the strengths of their programs and communities as they look to select residents who will be the best fit for their programs.

In response to these needs, AFMC has developed the Canadian Residency Virtual Promotion Guide that outlines general guidelines that pertain to virtual program promotion and applicant engagement for the 2021 R1 match cycle. The Guide was created by the Virtual Interview and Program Promotion Subcommittee of the AFMC Resident Matching Committee whose membership includes CFMS and FMEQ.

[Read the Canadian Residency Virtual Promotion Guide](#)

### **Web Calendar of Events Now Available**

AFMC is responding to the pressing need for students to learn more about residency programs across the country by launching a national web calendar for school hosted learner events. This will allow learners to access a centralized calendar of events and learn more about residency programs across the country. Learners can search the calendar by event type, specialty or school. Programs will update the calendar as the events become available.

[Visit the national web calendar of events](#)

### **Stay tuned for new web tool for residency program promotion**

AFMC is currently working on developing a new web tool for residency program promotion.

It will be a centralized program promotion platform designed to be a “one stop shop” where any applicant to a Canadian Residency Program can access information on any Canadian Residency Program. The system will allow programs to create a brief, multi-media profile which applicants can view and subsequently use to decide if they wish to pursue further information via links to websites (e.g. program, university, CaRMS) and/or by attending virtual promotion events.

AFMC will provide regular updates on the development of this new tool, which will be released later this year.