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Senior U.S. Medical Students at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in the Bronx Invited to Replace Interns.

Unlike a policy announced by the New York University Grossman School of Medicine, students would not graduate early, would be unpaid.

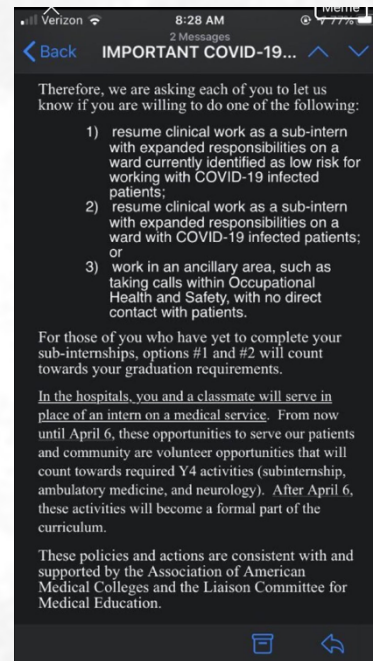
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Fourth year medical students at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, located in the Bronx in New York, received an email today inviting them to return to clinical duties. Medical schools across the country had removed students from all clinical duties in response to the covid-19 pandemic in order to protect them and to conserve resources such as personal protective equipment. However, with workforce shortages piling up, students are now seen as essential in keeping up with demands. The policy was confirmed in an email sent to students and obtained exclusively and first reported by *Brief19*.

Under the new policy (right), students may elect to work with patients at low-risk for covid-19, or patients with suspected or confirmed covid-19.

Students who volunteer to do participate will be replacing an intern (a first-year resident physician) and will be expected to work at that level. However, students will retain medical student status and will not be compensated for their work.

This policy comes in contrast to an offer made to senior graduating medical students at New York University's Grossman School of Medicine yesterday, news which was first broken by *Brief19*. There, willing students have been given the option to graduate early and join physician teams on clinical wards as early as April 1st,



three months before they otherwise would have. Those electing to graduate early and begin work will receive full compensation and benefits for their work.

Other medical schools in the region and around the country are said to be considering similar moves, which are thought to be unprecedented in American history.

The Albert Einstein College of Medicine is affiliated with Montefiore Hospital located in the Bronx.

This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

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