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Dear Medical Educator:

Following the Coalition for Physician Accountability report issued on May 11, access to the VSAS application service by Home and Host institutions began at 9:00 a.m. ET Monday, May 18.

Students had initially been informed that they would be provided access on Tuesday, May 19. However, in response to institutions requesting more time to determine institutional policies and to update elective offerings for the 2020-2021 application cycle, we have informed students today that their access has been delayed. **Students will now have VSAS access on Wednesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m. ET.**

It is imperative that Home Institutions determine their institutional policies for away rotations, communicate directly with their students, and decide whether to release applications to be considered by Hosts. Host institutions must update elective offerings or close electives in order for students and their Home institutions to have a clear understanding of the options available for elective rotations in 2020-21.

The VSLO team is offering a number of easily accessible open forums where institutional users can receive immediate answers to technical questions about the software as they make updates.

No pre-registration is needed for these events and individuals are welcome to come and go from the Webex meetings during the following hours:

- **Monday – May 18: 1:00–4:00 p.m. ET (session for Homes/Hosts)**
- **Thursday – May 21: 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. ET (session for Hosts)**
- **Thursday – May 21: 1:30–3:30 p.m. ET (session for Homes)**

We realize this is a very busy and stressful time for students and for institutional administrators. It is our sincere hope that by providing institutions additional time to prepare and execute new policies for away rotations, that students will ultimately benefit.

Please do not hesitate to contact Jenny Samaan at jsamaan@aamc.org if you have any questions or concerns about this schedule change.