



COVID-focused initiatives and how we embody the PDM vision.

Transformative leaders advancing oral health and well-being through education, compassion, and innovation.

- The PDM community has provided a supportive and humanistic environment to all despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has been particularly apparent through wide participation of volunteer staff and faculty in providing emergency care to patients and in the recent video message of gratitude sent by the class of 2022.
- PDM has shown transformative leadership in quickly and effectively transitioning didactic and clinical teaching, including clinical and preclinical experiences and assessment, to an online format with the help of a diverse team from around the institution. This effort shows the broad skill sets and leadership abilities across departments and the ability to work collaboratively. As such, both the teamwork and outcomes should be showcased to alumni, prospective students and peer institutions.
- PDM has hosted five out of ten of the most well-attended Blue Jeans meetings at PENN. We will continue to learn, advance knowledge and promote engagement relying on our integrated teams. These teams have provided online course, seminars, maintained continuity in the admissions process and will host a virtual research day.
- PDM has maintained emergency dental care to ensure the clinical needs of patients are addressed utilizing tele-dentistry and a multi-disciplinary team-based approach. PDM continuously aims to improve safety protocols to protect patients, staff, and faculty as the knowledge base and regulations in the practice of dentistry evolve during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- PDM will continue to deliver virtual wellness, cultural competency, unconscious bias, and COVID-19 related workshops and seminars for faculty, staff, students, and combined groups. To highlight these offerings and the participation in our comprehensive programming, we will track the number of workshops and the roles of participants in each.
- PDM researchers have developed novel responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and demonstrated innovation in targeting and diagnosing the virus. These transformative leaders have applied for federal funding through clinical and basic science avenues. PDM will continue to harness its creative research teams to establish an oral health specific COVID-19 research outreach.