



## **WUSM Healthcare Worker Policy during COVID-19 Epidemic** – *March 18, 2020*

**Faculty and staff over the age of 65:** WUSM faculty and staff who are >65 years will not be assigned to active care of COVID-infected patients but should continue to work their regular schedules as assigned by their department and/or division.

**Faculty and staff who are pregnant, in receipt of immunosuppressive therapy or who have underlying health conditions** that increase risk of serious complications of COVID (such as prior organ transplantation; poorly controlled diabetes; current treatment (chemotherapy or radiation therapy) for cancer; chronic heart, lung, kidney, or liver disease) will not be assigned to active care of COVID-infected patients but should continue to work their regular schedules as assigned by their department and/or division.

We understand the concerns faculty and staff may have with direct patient care of patients with known COVID-19. Given the private nature of underlying health conditions and HIPAA regulations, we suggest that individuals with concerns about their personal risk discuss their concerns with their department chair and/or division chief.

This policy will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as the epidemic evolves to meet the needs of the medical center.