November 17, 2020

Dear Program Director:

Thank you for your continued efforts to matriculate your students through to graduation, as well as planning for the future of their educational path during this unprecedented time. The Committee recognizes and appreciates your dedication to your students and the veterinary profession.

As the AVMA-CVTEA continues to assess the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Committee has made further accommodations to the AVMA CVTEA COVID-19 Policy. Attached is the policy as effective November 7, 2020. Edits are shown in red text whereby additions are underlined, and deletions are struck through.

Changes to the policy are summarized below:

- Extension of the COVID-19 Policy to 2021 site visits
- Deferral to Section XI, Special Site Visit of the Policies and Procedures of the AVMA-CVTEA for the format of follow up in-person site visits, where required.

The AVMA-CVTEA’s continued priority is student safety, followed by ongoing acquisition of knowledge and ensuring that students complete essential skills, as outlined in Appendix I, Veterinary Technology Essential and Recommended Skills List, prior to graduation.

Programs should continue to use the AVMA-CVTEA COVID-19 Substantive Change Form (SCR) (https://form.jotform.com/AVMAConvention/COVID-19SCR) to communicate to the AVMA CVTEA any changes to their contingency plans under the situation, including any updates to the spring 2021 semester. To update the CVTEA, you may either edit your original COVID-19 SCR or submit a new one at the link above. As contingency plans and changes are made, programs are encouraged to ensure they are working within state educational requirements, institutional policy, and the requirements for institutional accreditation.

For programs with site visits scheduled in 2021, staff will be in contact with you if changes in schedule or modality are deemed appropriate by the CVTEA.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding accreditation matters to the CVTEA through Julie Horvath, CVTEA Accreditation Manager (jhorvath@avma.org).

Sincerely,

Dr. Kelly Black, CVTEA Chair