May 24, 2021

Dear Program Director:

Thank you for your continued efforts to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic as it related to your veterinary technology program. 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 updated the AVMA CVTEA COVID-19 Policy. Attached is the policy effective April 24, 2021. Edits are shown in red text whereby additions are underlined, and deletions are struck through.

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 fall 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 scheduled with site visits in summer or fall 2021, staff will be in contact with you if changes in schedule or modality are deemed appropriate by the CVTEA. At this time, site visits scheduled for 2022 are scheduled to be in-person.

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