

Hennepin Healthcare System COVID-19 Nursing Student Clinical Memo

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all clinical students and faculty attending clinical experiences within the Hennepin Healthcare System will be expected to abide by the following safety measures.

At this time, we anticipate students will begin to have clinical experiences for the fall 2020 semester.

Please note: as the situation evolves, the following requirements and anticipated time frame for return may be adjusted.

Our goal is for safe return and excellent learning for your students. We do not anticipate allowing students to care for COVID-19 patients.

All faculty and students will be asked to abide by the following safety measures:

1. Wear a mask covering mouth and nose at all times when on campus. Clean, washable fabric masks are acceptable in traveling to and from the clinical area, but surgical masks must be used any time students/faculty are within six feet of another student or staff member or when in patient care areas. Please avoid offensive patterns in the fabric or shape of mask.
2. When students/faculty arrive to the clinical area, they should don a clean, school provided medical grade surgical mask. If the original mask becomes soiled during the shift, they will be given a single, clean mask replacement.
3. Eye protection is required and includes goggles, face shield, or safety glasses which prevent splash injuries while providing care. Eye protection is supplied by the school/student.
4. Limit time on campus to patient care related experiences. Hold pre and post conferences virtually or off the medical campus if at all possible.
5. Students/faculty should self-monitor symptoms of COVID-19 before beginning a clinical shift. Students or instructors should not come to the clinical if they have:
 - Fever > 100.4^F or chills
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Myalgias/body aches
 - Headache
 - Nasal congestion/rhinorrhea
 - Sore throat
 - Loss of taste/smell
 - Diarrhea/nausea/vomiting
6. Practice social distancing at all times including in elevators, on lunch breaks, or while on mass transit.
7. Perform hand hygiene with either hand sanitizer or soap/water washing of at least 15 seconds.
8. Faculty will continue to obtain a photo ID badge with access rights. Faculty will arrange to meet with students at a designated entrance.



In the event of an exposure:

1. The Infection Prevention/Employee Occupational Health and Wellness staff at HHS will contact the student/faculty if they had an exposure to a communicable disease, including COVID-19.
2. The student/faculty is responsible for notifying their school. The school is responsible for working with the student/faculty and following their process for quarantine, testing, and classwork.
3. Hennepin Healthcare is not liable for any infectious disease exposure or corresponding follow up or treatment. Student or faculty work, including clinical rotations at hospitals, is not covered under Workers' Compensation and any required care will be billed to the student's private health insurance.