



Mayo Clinic COVID-19 Nursing Student Clinical Memo

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, all Nursing students and faculty attending clinical experiences within the Mayo Clinic Midwest will be expected to abide by the following safety measures. Nursing students began reentering patient care settings July 1, 2020. 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. All faculty and students will be asked to abide by the same safety measures as Mayo Clinic employees.

1. Everyone must wear a mask covering mouth and nose at all times when on campus. City ordinances vary at this time, make sure your students know the ordinance in which they are doing clinical. Clean, washable fabric masks are acceptable. Please avoid offensive patterns in fabric or shape of mask.
2. Avoid bringing backpacks onto campus. There is limited space to set students personal items in the care units. Limiting non-essential personal items is a safety precaution.
3. When students arrive to the clinical unit, they should don a clean, school provided medical grade mask. If the original mask becomes soiled during the shift, they will be given a clean mask replacement.
4. Eye protection is required in direct care settings and includes goggles, eye shields or safety glasses which prevent splash injuries while providing care. Students must have personal protective eyewear to wear during direct care clinical. Students should clean, safely store and reuse their protective eyewear. A link to CDC information on eyewear is here: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/eye/eye-infectious.html>
5. Limit time on campus to patient care related experiences. Hold pre and post conferences virtually or off the medical campus.
6. Monitor personal wellness daily including taking temperatures twice per day during the time frame of the assigned clinical. Do not come to campus if you are not feeling well or if you have a temp of 100.0 or higher. Schools are responsible to ensure that nursing students are abiding to health monitoring expectations.
7. Practice social distancing at all times, including in elevators, on lunch breaks or while on mass transit.
8. Wash hands frequently, and participate in disinfection of the environment as a member of the healthcare team.
9. Enter through employee entrances if student/faculty has an access capable badge. All other entrances will have screeners for temperature and exposure.
10. Students observing in aerosol generating procedures area MUST have a fit tested N95 to be an observer. Please note: beards impede the efficacy of the N95, and students with beards are prohibited from these areas. We are encouraging all nursing students to be fit tested on their campuses for an N95 mask, which they can bring to clinical as a piece of personal protective equipment. We do not have the capacity to fit test at this time in the Midwest.
11. We do not anticipate allowing students to care for positive or suspected COVID-19 patients, or having them in high risk situations. Certain areas such as the MICU and EDs may not be accepting students at this time, it is the patient status that drives the determination of risk.

Additionally, when on a Mayo Clinic campus, you can check for additional resources at this link:

<https://college.mayo.edu/covid19/> . Thank you for making this pandemic a teachable moment for your learners.