



Hospital and Clinic COVID 19 Student Experience Memo

All Students/Faculty must review this document.

As we focus on how to best maintain the safety of patients, staff and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will be making adjustments to student educational experiences.

The majority of clinical experiences at St. Luke's will resume on September 1, 2020. However, clinical experiences may differ from the past, and we will collaborate with our academic partners to ensure quality student experiences under the current COVID-19 pandemic circumstances. As the pandemic evolves, requirements and clinical experiences may be adjusted per the guidance of St. Luke's Incident Command.

Students and faculty participating in clinical experiences within St. Luke's Hospital and Clinics will be expected to abide by the following safety measures:

- ***Students and Faculty must avoid contact with or caring for Patients under Investigation (PUI) or COVID + patients.***
- Each Department or Clinic will make efforts to reduce any incidental exposure to Patients under Investigation (PUI) or COVID + patients.
- ***It is required that everyone practices universal masking in all areas of St. Luke's.*** Wear a mask covering your nose and mouth at all times. Clean, washable fabric masks are acceptable to wear to and from your clinical site(s).
- We ask that Students/Faculty limit time on campus to patient care-related experiences.
 - Hold pre and post clinical meetings virtually or off campus to minimize exposure.
- Practice social distancing at all times: in elevators, meal breaks, etc.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Clinical group experiences will be reduced to 5 students and instructor.

Personal Protective Equipment:

- Every patient-facing activity requires a surgical or an ear loop procedure mask and eye protection.
 - Refer to the Covid 19 Resources Infection Control & PPE for COVID-19 located on St. Luke's Intranet home page.
 - St. Luke's will provide a surgical or an ear loop procedure mask for all students and faculty upon arrival to the department.
 - St. Luke's will provide one face shield per Student/Faculty
 - Face shields can be picked up in the Education Department located on 3 East or call 218.249.5527.
 - Students/Faculty may choose to wear their own "encapsulated" goggles or safety glasses, but they must be a type that is approved by St. Luke's Occupational Health.

St. Luke's Hospital Entry Locations:

- Students/Faculty must enter at the SLH Clinic Building (near HR) or via the St. Luke's/Northland Building 2nd floor skywalk.
- All Students/Faculty are required to perform a health screen on entry and attest to not having the following symptoms: (***Please allow a dequate time each day to facilitate screening process.***)
 - If you have any of the symptoms you should leave the facility and inform your Instructor, Preceptor, St. Luke's Education contact, St. Luke's Occupational Health and your academic institution immediately.
 - **Symptoms:**
 - Have a temperature at or above 100.4F (38C)
 - Have fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste/smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting or diarrhea.

Students should notify their instructor, St. Luke's Education, academic institution and St. Luke's Occupational Health (218.249.6822) if you:

- Have had direct contact with anyone in the past 14 days who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, without the use of appropriate PPE,
- Have had a COVID-19 test done on yourself, or
- Have attended an indoor gathering where you were unmasked and within 6 feet of 10 or more unmasked people for greater than 15 minutes, or
- Have attended a public gathering (indoor or outdoor), including air travel, where 50 or more people were present in the past 14 days regardless of whether you or others were masked.

In the event of an exposure to COVID-19 during a clinical experience:

- St. Luke's Occupational Health department will contact the student/faculty if they had an exposure to COVID-19 during the clinical experience.
- The student/faculty is responsible for notifying their school. The school/student/faculty are responsible for following their process for quarantine and testing.
- St. Luke's is not liable for any infectious disease exposure or corresponding follow up or treatment. Student or Faculty work, including clinical rotations at St. Luke's, is not covered under Workers' Compensation and any required care will be billed to the individuals' private health insurance.

Limited student experiences in the Emergency Department:

- Student experiences in the Emergency Department will be limited and require pre-approval.
- Students approved to participate in experiences in the ED must provide:
 - Completed Respiratory Clearance Form
 - Student must complete the respiratory medical questionnaire and forward to St. Luke's Occupational Health Dept for review. (Form is available from St. Luke's Education Department)
 - Proof of Fit Testing: mask type and size
 - PAPR use approval

The following clinical experiences have been suspended until further notice:

- Shadow experiences for 8 hours or less
- Nursing Capstone/Preceptor clinical experiences without an instructor