

Student Clinical Rotations at HealthPartners- N95 Fit Testing and Care of Patients

Our ongoing commitment to Partner Schools

HealthPartners is committed to having students continue to participate in patient clinical experiences the remainder of 2021. For **most learner types** this includes caring for all patients **except patients** being evaluated or treated for COVID 19 and for patients undergoing aerosol generating procedures. Local departments **may facilitate some student experiences** where there is the capacity to provide N95 respirators and fit testing that will allow students to engage with these patients. Each department within HealthPartners is prioritizing the approach that best supports their needs and the learner's experience.

Approach

Fall 2021

Although it is our eventual desire to provide a comprehensive experience for all students that would ideally include caring for COVID-19 positive patients we need to be mindful of maintaining an adequate supply of PPE and maintain learner safety. If we can accommodate some of your students to care for patients in this capacity local departments will reach out to you for more details.

- If schools have the capacity to provide fit testing for N95s from our current list that would be the **best option**. (see attached list of approved and stocked N95s)
- If schools do not have the ability to provide fit testing we may be able to accommodate this at one of our HealthPartners sites based on availability.
- Students would use N95 respirators and other PPE from local departmental supplies.
- Departments may offer students use of a PAPR to accommodate those not able to use a respirator or in place of fit testing. They will work with the school to evaluate options for clinical experiences based on available supplies.
- PPE availability may change based on current supply.

2022 and beyond

- It is our goal to have schools take on the responsibility to provide fit testing for their student clinical experiences if they wish to have students fully participate in all patient care that requires N95 respirators.

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