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PURPOSE

To ensure that all students, interns, and instructors are accountable for their health and wellness, and in doing so, are aware of and report COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to clinicals. Fort Healthcare is committed to follow guidance and provide a safe environment to all individuals within their facilities and departments.

SCOPE

All healthcare students, interns, and instructors.

POLICY

1. All students, interns, or instructors will follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.
 - a. Watch your distance – keep 6 feet apart
 - b. Wash your hand frequently
 - c. Wear your mask – see PPE section below

2. All students, interns, or instructors will always follow Fort HealthCare's infection prevention strategies and policies. Please ask for clarification or assistance, if necessary. See [Infectious Disease Control Policy – Coronavirus \(COVID 19\) Pandemic Policy](#)


COVID 19 Screening

1. All students, interns, and instructors will self-assess and report any of the following symptom(s) to the clinical instructor and clinical department leader(s) or preceptor. **DO NOT** come to your scheduled clinical if you have any of these symptoms.
 - Cough (new onset or worsening of chronic cough)
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Fever (>100°F)
 - Chills
 - Sore throat
 - Congestion or runny nose
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Headache
 - New loss of taste or smell

Keep in mind: Not everyone with COVID-19 has all the symptoms listed. For many, symptoms are mild, with no fever. Some people may also experience fatigue or gastrointestinal symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or abdominal pain. It is important to know that you can still spread the virus to others even if you have mild or no symptoms and cause someone else to become very ill.

2. All students, interns, and instructors will report to his/her clinical instructor and clinical department leader(s) or preceptor if you have tested for COVID-19 since you last worked.

3. If a student, intern, or instructor feels ill while at clinical, exhibits any symptoms as described above, and/or is in a situation(s) as listed above:
 - a. Student, intern, or instructor will notify the clinical instructor and clinical department leader(s) or preceptor immediately.
 - b. Student, intern, or instructor will go home, if at a clinical site.

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- c. The department/clinic leader or preceptor will complete a Clarity report.
- d. Business health will follow up with student, intern, or instructor.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

1. All students that are placed in the patient care areas where they may take care of a patient who is positive for COVID or a person under investigation (Inpatient Services, Perioperative Services, Obstetrics, Emergency Services, Radiology, Laboratory, etc) must be fit tested for an N95 **PRIOR** to starting their time at Fort HealthCare. Students may be tested at their school or at Fort HealthCare (upon request). If fit tested at the school, then N95 will be provided to student by the school unless FHC is able to provide the mask the student was fit tested on.

REFERENCES

[Infectious Disease Control Policy – Coronavirus \(COVID 19\) Pandemic Policy](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <https://www.cdc.gov/>

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