



COVID-19 Guidelines for Students and Academic Staff

Site (Hospital, Clinic, Other): _____ Dept: ACL Laboratories

While the COVID vaccine is no longer a requirement, Advocate Health continues to encourage all teammates, patients, students, and community members, particularly those who are high risk, to receive it as just one of the protective measures against COVID, particularly to prevent severe illness and hospitalization. Advocate Health will continue to monitor the situation and CDC guidance, implementing other safety measures, including good hand hygiene and the use of PPE. Masking will also be required, as needed.

Students are informed of the following:

1. All those entering an Advocate Health Midwest Region (AHMWR) facility are to self-screen for symptoms of COVID-19. If any COVID-19 like symptoms are present, do not enter the facility and follow the CDC guidelines for testing, time off clinicals and recommended PPE.
2. Students/instructors must stringently adhere to PPE guidelines and any masking requirements. They must consistently follow established infection prevention guidelines, including, but not limited to, hand hygiene, PPE use, and social distancing.
3. Masking is optional unless a specific department requires it.
 - The student can wear a mask at any time if student is uncomfortable in a setting or due to personal concerns. Masking policy may change based on changes within our healthcare communities.
4. **Students should not report to an AHMWR facility if experiencing any signs or symptoms of COVID-19.**
5. **If symptoms develop while at an AHMWR facility**, they are to exit the clinical site immediately, and follow CDC guidelines for further steps. Students should immediately notify the appropriate academic contact (i.e., School's Coordinator/Placement Coordinator) to report these symptoms.
6. COVID-19 testing results/documentation should be maintained at the school and not returned to AHMWR.
7. **What is considered an Exposure:** An exposure to COVID-19 means that you have come in contact with the virus. The length of the exposure, proximity to the source of the exposure, and your personal protective equipment (PPE) determine the likelihood of becoming infected.
 - a. In our health system, an exposure is considered if all three of these occur:
 - i. prolonged exposures (cumulative total of 15 minutes or longer)
 - ii. within 6 feet
 - iii. without appropriate PPE
 - b. Additionally, any duration of exposure is considered high risk if it occurred during the performance of an aerosol-generating procedure without appropriate PPE.
8. **COVID Testing for Instructors or Students**
 - Follow the CDC guidelines for testing, time off clinicals and recommended PPE in the AHMWR facilities.



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9. **Regardless of the vaccination status, if a student/instructor is showing symptoms of COVID or tests COVID-19 positive**, they should notify their clinical instructor or coordinator and seek additional health services as necessary. They are not to return to AHMWR facility until the school determines the student has met the CDC guidelines for returning.
10. **Site Contact Information for COVID-19 Exposure/Positive Results**
 - The school’s instructor or school’s coordinator informs the hospital/clinic/laboratory and ACL’s education department, of exposures/positive tests and estimated return date.

Non-compliance with these guidelines may result in limiting or discontinuing clinical placement.

Upon return the student/instructor must continue to stringently adhere to PPE guidelines and any masking requirements.

Signed by

Date

Student Name

Signature

School Representative Name

Signature

School’s Name _____

School’s Program _____