ROCKFORD AREA PPE REQUIREMENTS AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

Each of our local hospital sites is excited to welcome our students back to the clinic! Please see below for procedures regarding what to do if you experience symptoms or an exposure and entry/PPE requirements for OSF, Mercy, SAH, and Rosecrance.

**Symptoms and Exposures:**

Medical students should not report to clinical duties if they have fever, cough, URI symptoms, loss of smell or taste, sore throat, diarrhea, myalgias, or any other illness which could possibly be COVID-19.

If you are concerned you have been exposed or are sick, please do the following:

1. Call student health and/or your primary care provider for medical advice and to arrange testing. Currently, there is a testing center run by the National Guard at the Parkview campus.
2. Notify your preceptor and clerkship director that you will not be in the hospital that day, you will NOT be penalized for staying home due to illness. Coming to the hospital while ill will be considered unprofessional as it puts your colleagues and patients at risk!
3. In the event that you will be quarantined or out of clerkship for a long period of time contact Dean Blevins in accordance with the Phase 2 attendance policy.
4. Inform the coordinator for the clerkship if you are still healthy enough to study while you are out of the clinic. You may complete online modules to supplement up to 50% of your clerkship.
5. If you do not complete at least 3-weeks of face-to-face patient time during the rotation, we will develop a plan for you to make up lost clinical time when you are healthy enough to re-join clinical activities.

**SWEDISH AMERICAN HOSPITAL**

Monitoring

Like all of our associates and providers, students are expected to “screen themselves” on a daily basis. This means taking your temperature daily and be aware of concerning symptoms (fever, cough, dyspnea, loss of taste or smell). You should not come to the hospital if you are ill.

Entering
Students are required to wear a face covering at all times. You will need to provide your own while coming to and from the hospital and when on hospital grounds but not with patients.

**PPE**

On the first day, you should go to the PPE supply room please see campus email or Phase 2 & 3 Blackboard Shells for instructions. You will be issued a mask and a face shield.

**MERCY HOSPITAL**

**Entering**

Every single person who is on either Mercy campus is expected to wear a surgical face mask when they walk in the door, in all areas of the hospital (can be taken off if sitting alone). If you do not have one, it will be provided to you at the front door. You will also have your temperature taken prior to entering.

**PPE**

Standard universal precautions at this time during the pandemic include good hand hygiene as with all patients as well as wearing a surgical face mask and face shield during all “patient-facing” encounters. All students will be provided their own reusable face shields to use throughout the rotation on the first day. These should be kept with them, cleaned regularly with alcohol wipe or cleaning solution at nurse’s stations, and treated as gold. Throwing one out will be considered unprofessional behavior.

Please see the Phase 2 & 3 Blackboard shells for further information regarding accessing PPE at Mercy.

**OSF-ST. ANTHONY’S**

**Entering**

Each day, when you arrive at OSF, you should either report at the main entrance or at the doctor's lounge. You must fill out a questionnaire of symptoms to certify that you are free of symptoms. You'll also have your temperature taken. If you have a fever, you will be sent home. You may wish to check your temperature before leaving home and stay home if you have a fever, saving yourself a trip to the hospital.

**PPE**

You are to wear a surgical mask at all times while inside OSF unless you are sitting alone somewhere. If you do not own a surgical mask, one will be provided for you when you first enter the building.
Please see the Phase 2 & 3 Blackboard shells for further information regarding accessing PPE at Mercy.

**ROSECRANCE SITES**

Please see the Phase 2 & 3 Blackboard shells for further information regarding accessing PPE at Mercy.