

Guidelines for Resuming Medical Student Clinical Education

Guiding Principle:

In this time of crisis, we are committed to the safety, preparedness, and wellbeing of our medical students, faculty, staff, and the communities we serve.

Principles for FAU Medical Students Returning to Clinical Rotations at Affiliated Clinical Sites

I. Appropriate Learning Environment/ Supervision is available at the Clinical Site

- Affiliated clinical site affirms willingness to accept students and is able to provide educationally sound experience for students that is consonant with the program's educational and accreditation standards, including availability of supervising physicians and access to appropriate patients. Presumption is that professional accreditation body has not prohibited students' return to clinical setting. Recognition that clinical experiences may be adapted to meet safety guidelines as listed below, including but not limited to telehealth, virtual rounds, modified hours, etc.

II. Appropriate PPE is available at the Clinical Site

- Affiliated clinical site provides appropriate PPE and site- specific PPE training. (Minimum masking, gloves, gowns and eyewear, scrubs as appropriate). Students will undergo general training by the medical school regarding PPE and telehealth prior to clinical placement.
- Students will not provide direct care for COVID-19 patients in order to preserve PPE.
- Students will not be present for aerosol generating procedures unless universal testing is being done for all such procedures.

III. Appropriate Safety and Screening Processes are in place at the Clinical Site

- Medical student screening before starting clinical rotations
 - Temperature and symptom screening will be practiced at most clinical sites.
 - Any mandatory COVID-19 testing is to be decided and will be communicated to students prior to start of rotations.
 - All medical students must attest to at least 14 days without domestic or international travel and following CDC social distancing guidelines.



- Continued strong practice of infection control precautions at participating facilities (i.e. adequate supply of PPE at all times, social distancing wherever possible with respect to the specific clinical setting, good hand hygiene, regular cleaning of high touch surfaces, universal masking, limited visitors, cohorting of COVID patients, etc.).
- Consider having didactic teaching, discussions or consultations at hospital conducted virtually during Phase 1 if student/faculty group size cannot be 10 or fewer and if social distancing cannot be practiced. By Phase 2 and 3 this can be modified to groups <50, and then <100.
- Students with any symptoms will stay home/remain isolated and will be tested for COVID-19 as appropriate before returning to clinical site. Medical students can continue to get credit for clerkship/rotation with alternate distance learning options until they can return to rotation.
- Medical students are expected to follow all FAU protocols as well as CDC guidelines including practicing social distancing, wearing masks in public and limiting interactions with groups. Students must report any travel (international/domestic) or exposures to the medical school Office of Student Affairs.