

# Infection Prevention Policy for Returning Students

## Infection Control:

- Students are expected to adhere to standard infection prevention precautions and should familiarize themselves with the guidelines specific to their site.
- Students are expected to complete all annual institutional Infection Control training modules. These are distributed via compliance protocols.
- Students should practice social distancing and try to maintain a 6 foot distance from others in the hospital/school arena.
  - Room capacities will be reduced in order to permit appropriate social distancing.
  - Large gatherings will only be allowed as per local, state and hospital system protocols.
- Students should not crowd the elevator. Keep an arm's length distance from others.
- Students should respect all signage and social distancing measures as noted at all sites.
- Students should wear face coverings in all public areas outside of the hospital/ school arena.
  - Face coverings are required to prevent asymptomatic persons infected with COVID-19 from spreading droplets. Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose at all times, especially if you cannot be more than 6 feet away from others.
- Students are required to wear surgical masks while in the hospital/school arena as outlined by Mount Sinai's "universal masking" policy. Surgical masks will be distributed on site. They should be changed when soiled or wet.
- Students should perform hand hygiene frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Hand hygiene should be performed as soon as possible upon arrival at the hospital/school arena.
  - Students should practice thorough hand hygiene before and after every patient encounter and upon entering and leaving a school room/space.
- Students should disinfect all high-touch surfaces before and after use, including stethoscopes, other medical equipment, laboratory benches/work areas, laboratory equipment, cell phones, computers, light switches, door knobs and other places around the work and home environments.
- Students are required to do daily symptom checks via the student symptom tracker.
  - Students are required to check their temperature daily.
  - In order to come into the educational sessions students will need to have filled out student symptom tracker
- Students are required to stay home and encouraged to contact their provider as needed

- if they have any symptoms including but not limited to:
  - Fever (temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit) or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- All PPE, including masks, used on site at Mount Sinai facilities should come from the Mount Sinai Health System supply chain (for example, cloth masks and masks with valves do not come from our supply chain and should not be worn on site).
- Students in clinical environments should wear a surgical mask or respirator mask (N95), as appropriate to the specific clinical situation.
- Each clinical site will provide students with adequate and appropriate PPE, as deemed necessary for specific clinical encounters.
- Students in the clinical arena must be fit-tested for a respirator mask (N95) annually, prior to the start of each academic year.
  - Fit testing will be coordinated with the school and Environmental Health and Safety.
  - Students will be educated about self-checks to ensure ongoing proper fit and protection.
  - Students will keep the respirator mask provided to them during fit-testing for use.
- Students will be trained in proper donning and doffing of PPE prior to entering the clinical arena.