



Guidelines for Resuming Student Clinical Rotations

The Palm Beach Health Network committed to the safety of our patients, staff, physicians, students, and community. We are preparing for the tentative opening of student rotations with the following guidelines:

Principles for Students Returning to Clinical Rotations

I. Appropriate PPE is provided by school:

- School/student will provides appropriate PPE (surgical mask and face shield or goggle for clinical areas). Students will undergo general training by the school regarding PPE prior to clinical placement. Student will be required to wear PPE while on hospital premises and adhere to social distancing.
- Students will not provide direct care for COVID-19 or PUI patients in order to preserve PPE.
- Students will not be present for aerosol generating procedures.

II. Appropriate Safety and Screening Processes

- Student screening before starting clinical rotations
 - Temperature and symptom screening will be monitored by student
 - Students must attest to at least 14 days without international travel and following CDC social distancing guidelines.
- Continued strong practice of infection control precautions.
- Students with any symptoms will stay home/remain isolated and will be tested for COVID-19 as appropriate before returning to facility.
- Students are expected to follow the **protocol below** as well as CDC guidelines including practicing social distancing, wearing masks in public and limiting interactions with groups. Students must report any international travel or exposures to their school.

III. Student **Protocol on Screening Precautions:**

Student should not present to clinical rotation with the following symptoms:

- Fever
- Cough
- Body aches
- SOB
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Sore throat



- Loss of taste or smell
- Runny Nose/Congestion

If the student is having multiple symptoms listed above, they need to be cleared by medical provider.

If student is only having one symptom (ex. Diarrhea), then they should not attend clinical rotation until symptoms subside or call medical provider for screening/ clearance IF they acquire NEW symptoms alongside the diarrhea....like a temp and a sore throat.

If student is sick with any symptoms...COVID related or not, they should not attend the clinical rotation. It is imperative that students do not come to work sick for their own health and the health of others.

In addition to the above steps, all students must also adhere to the following general guidelines:

- If you are exposed to COVID-19 or develop symptoms, you must notify your immediate clinical rotation supervisor.
- Stay home if you:
 - (1) are sick (especially if with fever greater or equal to 99.2 F, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste or smell, vomiting or diarrhea, and/or sore throat),
 - (2) have been tested for COVID-19 and are positive or awaiting results, and/or
 - (3) have been in close contact (i.e., household contact) with anyone being tested for or infected with COVID-19.

It is the responsibility of the school/university to assure these guidelines are enforced.