

BayCare Health System

Student COVID-19 Guidelines – Physician Sponsored Students

Welcome to BayCare! Your safety and the safety of our patients and team members is our top priority.

Students and instructors will follow the same safety precautions as team members when entering or working at a BayCare facility, this means they will:

- Follow mask and PPE guidelines as well as social distancing measures that are in place.
 - Do not come to the facility if you feel ill. (Temperature greater than or equal to 100.4, chills, fatigue, sweating, muscle or body aches, congestion or runny nose, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, cough, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing)
 - Upon entering a BayCare facility, all students and instructors **MUST** obtain a BayCare-issued face mask. This mask is yours for the day unless it becomes contaminated or damaged. If contaminated or damaged, a replacement mask will be given.
 - Students and instructors who are permitted to care for patients in isolation or where use of an N95 respirator is required, are expected to be able to don and doff PPE correctly. Review document *Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) When Care for Patients with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19* document (Centers for Disease and Control – www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).
 - Eye protection (face shields/goggles) is still required when taking care of PUI patients (patients who have COVID-19 test results pending), COVID+ patients and/or patients receiving AGP (aerosol generating procedures).
 - BayCare provides OSHA approved eyewear. Should students/instructors choose to purchase their own eye protection, the product is to meet the following standards-(BayCare Policy #: BC-IPC-112)
 - **Face Shields:** should be made of a transparent piece of plastic that extends from the eyebrows to below the nose and including the entire width of the face
 - **Goggles/Safety Glasses:** they are tight fitting and completely cover the eye socket and surrounding facial skin. The side vents should be solid to prevent droplets from getting to the eyes
 - All students and instructors must follow the unit-based or department PPE practices.
 - **GREEN ZONE:** Masks are required when providing direct patient care (entering patient rooms/space/bay, ambulating a patient in the hall, etc.) or when providing a service to a patient (transporting a patient, delivering food to the patient, etc.) Masks are optional when not providing direct patient care.
 - In the Outpatient Ambulatory settings, students are required to wear appropriate masks when providing care to COVID positive, PUI, and/or when performing AGPs.
 - **RED ZONE:** Masks are always required when in the facility (exception: cafeteria-meals).
 - Students or instructors with full beards cannot be fit tested with an N95 respirator, if they are to participate in the care of a COVID-19 patient, they would need to shave and remain clean shaven so that a respirator “seal” can be achieved with every use.
 - Students not fitted with an N95 respirator are not permitted in a patient’s room when they are receiving an AGP (aerosol generating procedure).



- Social distancing continues to be strongly encouraged in common areas such as the cafeteria, waiting areas, conference rooms, breakrooms, and elevators. Congregating or gathering students in common areas is discouraged. Overcrowding should be avoided.
 - Pre-or-post conferences are resuming within all BayCare facilities, dependent on availability (space is not guaranteed). Identify alternative locations or virtual options to meet with student groups, off premises, when facility space unavailable.
 - All students must follow infection prevention practices including hand hygiene and appropriate donning and doffing of PPE.
- Any potential COVID-19 exposure students should self-monitor for 14 days:
 - 2x daily Fever Assessment: Temp \geq 100.4 or signs of fever (sweats, chills, muscle aches, headache)
 - 2x daily Symptom Check: new cough; new shortness of breath; new nausea/vomiting/diarrhea; new headaches; new muscle/body aches and chills; new loss of taste/smell
 - Always wear a mask when around others, even if socially distanced. During this period, meals should not be consumed while around others.
 - Notify preceptor and academic coordinator if become symptomatic
 - It will be the responsibility of the student and physician sponsor, or their designee, to notify the BayCare student liaison and BayCare Employee Health if they test positive (+) for COVID 19. Contact BayCare Employee Health by email or phone:
 - East Region and West Region: employeehealth-bso@baycare.org Phone: 727-734-6850
 - South Florida Baptist or Polk Region: employeehealth-whh@baycare.org Phone: 863-297-1700

Student Guidelines:

- If an Anesthesia Assistant (AA), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) or Perfusion student wants to be at the head of the bed and involved in intubation or extubation, they must be Fit Tested with a BayCare N95 Respirator. Fit Testing and N95 Respirator will be issued in Surgical Services.
- Only AA, CRNA and Perfusion students will be issued an N95 Respirator. All other Physician Sponsored students will not be permitted to perform aerosolizing procedures that require wearing a N95 Respirator.
- Students will not bring any belongings into the hospital, i.e., backpacks, purses, laptops, books, notebooks.
- AA, CRNA and Perfusion Students will not be permitted to enter rooms or intubate patients during a Code Blue unless they are wearing a Fit Tested BayCare issued N95 Respirator. All other Physician Sponsored students will not be permitted to perform aerosolizing procedures that require wearing a N95 Respirator.

I acknowledge that I have reviewed and understand the BayCare Student COVID-19 Guidelines. I understand that if I have any questions, at any time, regarding any of the information, I will reach out to my student liaison. **Note: At any time, these guidelines are subject to change.**

I acknowledge that if I do not comply with these guidelines, I will be asked to leave the hospital and/or facility and potentially may not be able to resume my clinical experiences at BayCare Health System.

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