The Maroon Line for Clinical Participation

Did you complete all 12 modules for clinical re-entry?  
Do you understand the mechanisms to report any concerns to COM?  10  
Do you self-monitor prior to entering the healthcare environment?  2
Do you understand which symptoms should prompt you to leave, self-isolate, and contact your faculty?  2, 3  
Do you understand CDC and TAMU guidelines for masks, hand-washing, social distancing?  3, 5, 6
Patient encounter supervised and approved by a Texas A&M COM faculty member?  
You must wear appropriate cloth or surgical mask in all facilities at all times (café, library, elevator, lobby, etc).
Remember that you are empowered to exit any environment you deem to be unsafe.
Students are encouraged to initiate a LOA request, if the clinical environment is felt to pose an unacceptable risk.
Appropriate surgical mask or N95 mask as the clinical situation warrants.
Eye protection (safety glasses, goggles or face shield) is encouraged in any patient-facing encounter (clinical affiliate may require).
Patients with fever AND respiratory symptoms are NOT PERMITTED.
Encounters with patients who cohabitate with individuals having active COVID-19 are NOT PERMITTED
ALL patients must wear a mask whenever feasible.

CLINICAL students may participate in the care of routine patients without prior review.
LOW-RISK PUIs may qualify for clerkship student participation, but must be seen and examined by a physician on their clinical team (PGY2/above resident or attending faculty) and assessed as low-risk for COVID-19 by clinical presentation and symptoms prior to direct student involvement.
ALL PUI patients must have a clinical condition important for course learning objectives.
Participation in the care of Low-Risk PUIs is voluntary and NOT required.
*NOTE: Patients with fever AND respiratory symptoms are NOT low-risk PUIs and are NOT PERMITTED.
**EMED/OB clerkship and ELECTIVE student participation guidelines are provided SEPARATELY elsewhere.

Every student should always feel empowered to speak up in a PROFESSIONAL MANNER regarding safety concerns at any point.
The clinical environment is unpredictable and there are no guarantees.
When in doubt, ask for immediate clarification from supervising faculty.

FOOTNOTES -
1. Must adhere to CDC, TAMU, & hospital affiliate guidelines. More stringent local clinical affiliate guidelines supersede less restrictive COM guidelines & must be followed at all times
2. See Module 2.1 in eCampus Clinical Re-Entry Modules
3. See Module 3.0 in eCampus Clinical Re-Entry Modules
4. See Module 5.0 in eCampus Clinical Re-Entry Modules
5. See Module 6.1 in eCampus Clinical Re-Entry Modules
6. See Module 10.0 in eCampus Clinical Re-Entry Modules
A. Labor & Delivery testing guidelines may vary per clinical affiliate
B. N-95 may not be utilized until fit testing has been completed and passed
C. Participation in surgery is ok but exit during intubation or extubation
D. Participation in Labor & Delivery is governed by separate OB Algorithm
E. EMED Clerkship & Elective guidance provided per separate algorithm
F. Eyewear which provide side spray/splash/droplet protection such as safety shields, safety glasses, or goggles, beyond common glasses/spectacles, are recommended for all patient encounters and may be required by clinical affiliates
G. Participation in ICU is governed by the separate COM ICU Algorithm
H. High-Risk Trauma as defined in EMED Clerkship and Trauma/ACS Elective algorithms

Student should NOT BE in the Operating Room for:
- intubation or extubation
- upper airway aerosolizing procedure
- operative care of untested patient under any circumstances including emergent/trauma procedures

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