The Maroon Line for Clinical Participation

Did you complete all 12 modules for clinical re-entry? NO
Did you understand the mechanisms to report any concerns to COM? 10
Did you self-monitor prior to entering the healthcare environment? 2
Did 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? 4, 5, 6
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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.

In addition to the appropriate surgical mask or N95 respirator as the clinical situation warrants, you are strongly encouraged to wear eye protection (goggles or face shield) in any patient-facing encounter (clinical affiliate may require). 6, 7

Clerkship students may participate in the care of routine patients & LOW RISK PUIs* in the ER or ICU environment ONLY if the patient has been previously 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/or symptoms. The patient must wear a mask & must have a clinical condition important for learning objectives. This is voluntary and NOT required.

*Patients with fever AND respiratory symptoms or first degree contacts with a known COVID positive patient are NOT Low-Risk & are NOT PERMITTED.

**EMED clerkship/elective student participation guidelines are provided SEPARATELY elsewhere.

NOTE:
VIRTUAL student participation in the care of ANY patient through the use of telehealth or mobile devices is allowed regardless of COVID-19 status.

However, direct patient contact with moderate or high-risk PUI, known COVID+ patients, and/or student work on a dedicated COVID-19 ward/ICU is NEVER allowed.

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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.

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.
7. A - Labor & Delivery testing guidelines may vary per clinical affiliate.
8. N-95 may not be utilized until fit testing has been completed and passed.
9. Participation in surgery is ok but exit during intubation or extubation.
10. Participation in Labor & Delivery is governed by separate OB Algorithm.
11. ER guidelines per gray box above. EMED Clerkship guidance provided per separate algorithm.
12. 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.
13. Participation in ICU is governed by the separate COM ICU Algorithm.

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