The Maroon Line for Clinical Participation
The EMED Patient

ALL Patient Encounters:
- PPE per TAMU and affiliate guidelines
- Surgical mask required for all encounters
- Appropriate eye protection is strongly encouraged for all patient facing encounters (clinical affiliate may require)
- Faculty approval and supervision required
- Utilize CDC guidelines for handwashing, patient interactions, and social distancing
- Assume all patients are potentially infectious

ED Patient

Low Risk Patient
PROCEED

High Risk Patient
COVID-19 PUI due to clinical presentation/suspicion or Known COVID-19 Positive
Fever and Respiratory Symptoms
Any Encounter Requiring Gown
High Risk Procedure
Intubation/Extubation

STOP

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’s, known COVID+ patients, and/or student work on a dedicated COVID-19 ward/ICU is NEVER allowed.

ER clerkship and elective students may participate in the care of routine patients & low-risk PUIs* in the ER ONLY if the patient has been 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 and must have a clinical condition important for course learning objectives. This is voluntary and NOT required.

*NOTE: Patients with fever AND respiratory symptoms or known first degree contact with a known COVID positive patient are NOT low-risk and are NOT PERMITTED.