MedStar Washington Hospital Center
Medical Imaging School
Student Guide to COVID-19
Policies and Practices
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**MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School Contingency Plan regarding COVID-19 or any Catastrophic event that could affect program operations, including institutional closure.**

Actions that could be taken as a possible resolution if the MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School is affected by COVID-19 or a catastrophic event may include:

- If MWHC Medical Imaging School is affected, we will reassign students to other MedStar facilities for clinical rotations to limit exposure if permitted.
- If a clinical site is affected the program will cease clinical rotations at that clinical facility or rotation until further notice.
- If the school is affected, we would deliver classes to student via WebEx or another online platform if permitted. This would depend on students having access to internet and a device to access the internet. Program personnel will have the opportunity to telework from home if needed.
- The school would work with MedStar affiliates to obtain classroom space inside or outside of MWHC to continue classroom instruction. MedStar Washington Hospital Center has three large auditoriums/conference rooms with the largest space able to accommodate up to 200 people. We would use these sites for class instruction as an alternative to online instruction.
- If the school is mandated to temporarily close, we would shift the graduation date of students, to give ample time to complete the program.

Actions to be taken if students/staff become ill:

- In the event a student becomes sick during school hours they will be required to report to Occupational Health and will need to be cleared by Occupational Health to come back to school.
- If a student calls out sick, they will be required to seek medical care through a MedStar E-visit, primary care provider or Urgent Care before coming back to school. The student will have to report to Occupational Health upon return with a doctor’s note.
- Absences during these occurrences will be excused and the student will still be responsible to make up any missed coursework.
- Program personnel may have the opportunity to telework from home to deliver student education.
- EVS will be notified to ensure deep clean of learning spaces is completed.
If the MedStar Washington Hospital Center is required to implement this plan, the program director will make the JRCERT aware of our actions. Our priority at MedStar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School is to keep our patients, students and staff safe always.

**Student Responsibilities:**

Prior to starting a clinical rotation, students must:

1. **Education/Training:**
   - Complete Donning/Doffing Video and any other required* education (SITEL)
   - Sign/attest to knowing and complying with
     I. Medstar Health PPE policies and Practices
     - Including using only PPE supplied by Medstar
     II. Layering of Learners policy
     III. Physical Distancing and Social gatherings policy
     IV. Medstar Health Occupational Health policies and self-monitoring expectations.

2. **COVID Screening/Attestation:**
   - Students must agree to meet all occupational health standards prior to starting and through duration of rotation (As delineated by OCC Health – asymptomatic, no direct household exposure, etc.).

3. **Student’s Health:**
   - If a student has significant exposure and/or becomes symptomatic, student must call the Occupational Health Triage line at **844-354-3705** for assessment and determination of possible testing.
   - Occupational Health will notify the school representative that the student is placed on isolation, quarantine, or tests positive.
   - Students will have to be cleared by occupational health before returning to the clinical rotation.
COVID-19 Guidelines

Guidelines always employed:

In-person classroom instruction:

- Students must come to school with personal face covering.
- Students must always wear mask in class.
- Students must always wear a procedural mask in clinical environment.
- Students must follow universal eye protection when caring for all patients.
- Students must sit > 6 feet apart.
- Students are required to self-monitor their health.
- Per CDC the Medical imaging school will provide students with a procedural mask daily and have a thermal thermometer to take temperature in the event students do not have a thermometer at home.
- If a student has had a direct household exposure, they should contact occupational health before coming to school.
- Students are not to report to school sick.
- In the event the student becomes sick while at school or in their clinical rotation they should report to Occupational Health.
- When students are sick, they must be cleared by occupational health before returning to school.
- Students will be required to make up assignments missed.
- Absences due to COVID-19 are excused.
- Students will not be excluded from the care of COVID+ patients or Persons Under investigation (PUI) for COVID-19 Illness.
- Students will be required to wear, and provided with, the appropriate PPE when caring for COVID+ or PUI patients.
- The minimum necessary number of learners should participate in the care of COVID+ patients or PUIs to limit the student’s exposure. This will be maintained by only scheduling one student to each clinical area.
- The school will minimize layering of learners to protect learners, educators and patients as well as to remain judicious in the utilization of PPE. This will be maintained by only scheduling one student to each clinical area.
- During the event of a resurgence of COVID-19 or Catastrophic event students will be extracted from clinical settings and the school’s contingency policy will be activated.
COVID 19 Student Attestation

I _______________________, attest to the student responsibilities and will follow the guidelines that are set forth by Medstar and my program. I have read the guidelines and have completed the education and COVID-19 screening prior to starting my clinical rotations.

Student Name: _______________________
Date: _______________________
School: _______________________
Certification of Student Requirements regarding COVID-19

This completed form must be signed by the appropriate school representative and be returned to Medstar ________________ prior to the start of the student’s clinical experience.

This form is to certify the student is eligible and meets the requirements to return or start clinical experiences at Medstar.

Students name:

Area of Clinical Experience:

School:

Start Date of Clinical Experience:

Requirements:

1. The above-referenced student currently maintains adequate health insurance coverage and is following the appropriate health screening through occupational health prior to the start of their clinical rotations.

2. Student has completed the Donning/Doffing video and any other required education (SITEL prior to the start of their clinical rotations.

3. The student has sign/attest to knowing and complying with
   I. Medstar Health PPE policies and practices
   II. Using only PPE Supplied by Medstar
   III. Layering of learner’s policy
   IV. Physical Distancing and Social Gathering’s policy
   V. Medstar Health Occupational Policies and self-monitoring expectations

4. The student must agree to meet all occupational health standards prior to starting a rotation and through the duration of the rotation.

School Representative Signature:
Student Signature:
Date:
EXCEPTIONS Institutions that operate in the District under the provisions of a Congressional charter should follow the guidance issue by the DC Department of Health titled Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19): Guidance for Colleges and Universities Institutions that are not domiciled in the District that participate in State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) do not need to submit a response to the areas identified above in this memo and should be guided by their respective jurisdiction’s public health guidance.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS The HELC is continuing to monitor the COVID-19 developments and reserves all rights to further amend this guidance as deemed necessary and appropriate in furtherance of the HELC’s regulatory oversight authority. All reopen plans should be email to osse.elcmail@dc.gov. If you have specific questions or concerns, please contact HELC at osse.elcmail@dc.gov. HELC encourages you to review and monitor reliable sources of information related to COVID19.

Here are some links you may find helpful:

- United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid, Guidance for interruptions of study related to Coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Readiness and Emergency Management for Institutions Technical Assistance
- United States Department of Veterans Affairs - https://www.publichealth.va.gov/ncoronavirus/
- US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Student Exchange Visitor Program - https://www.ice.gov/sevis