

BUSM Guidelines for Student Return to Face to Face Clinical Clerkships
During the COVID 19 Pandemic: Updated July 2020

Boston University School of Medicine recognizes the key role of clinical learning and, to the extent possible, is committed to assisting students in completing these clinical experiences during the COVID 19 pandemic.

Site responsibilities for safety:

- Communicate any COVID specific or other onboarding requirements to BUSM and to students in advance of the start of the clerkship to ensure on time start.
- Follow BUSM guidelines, as specified by the clerkship director, regarding student involvement in the care of COVID 19 positive patients or those designated as PUI.
- Provide students with adequate PPE needed for patient care as required as a member of the health care team.
- Contact BUSM if lack of PPE will lead to a change in student learning opportunity and patient exposure.
- Review appropriate use of PPE with students and ensure their proper use of PPE. Students will have completed in person donning and doffing training at BUSM during orientation.
- Provide a safe space to encourage students to report symptoms or other health concerns without fear of penalty or effect on grade, in collaboration with BUSM..
- Review adequacy of their capacity for space in team rooms, break areas etc., and develop plans for appropriate distancing when necessary in advance of student rotations and communicate that plan with students.
- Review the BUSM SHS guidelines regarding student exposure to a COVID positive patient. Sites will verify that there is a procedure in place for notifying students of occupational exposures and receive on site testing in the same manner as other staff at the site.
- Follow local, state and federal guidelines related to COVID 19 that are appropriate to the setting.
- Direct students to up to date resources and information around COVID 19, when appropriate, including BU Student health services, Medical Education and Student Affairs Offices.

Student Responsibilities:

- follow BUSM policy regarding the care of COVID 19 positive patients or those designated as PUI.
- follow BUSM student health service requirements and procedures, including daily symptoms screen from BU Student Health. Students will not report to their site if any symptoms consistent with COVID 19 infection are present.
- notify SHS and their site and clerkship director of any positive symptom screen
- be expected to follow any additional site-specific policy and procedures in the same manner as other students or trainees. Students will be notified of occupational exposures and receive testing in the same manner as other staff at a site.
- commits to following the site's policies and procedures, including those specifically related to COVID 19.
- follow all local, state and federal guidelines regarding social distancing and quarantine to protect themselves and other individuals they come into contact with during the experience.

Education: All sites will

- continue to follow the learning objectives established by clerkship leadership and BUSM.
- develop telehealth and remote experiences (e.g. virtual rounding, remote care of patients with COVID, outpatient telehealth visits) when necessary. Site must discuss this with Clerkship directors to maximize student learning and patient exposure. Decision about which learning objectives can be met through virtual experiences will be made collaboratively by the site and BUSM.
- continue to monitor for appropriate patient volume and case mix to maintain adequate student learning
- review adequacy of their capacity for supervision, in advance of student rotations