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Information for Clinical Students and Schools

As much of the province opens, we continue to review the measures we have in place to protect our patients, clients, staff, physicians and learners.

Beginning September 8, 2020, clinical placements will resume at Providence Care Hospital (PCH). Please note no more than 11 clinical students (4:1 group nursing students, 2 preceptored nursing students, 4 allied students) can be present on any one unit at the same time. Students who are coming from outside Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox & Addington (KFL&A) are requested, where possible, to arrive 14 days in advance of their placement start in order to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 from one community to another.

Adherence to public health guidelines on an ongoing basis

Students are expected to abide by all general public health recommendations, both at the hospital and at home, including social cohorting, avoidance of large gatherings, and usage of masks. Find the full list of [Public Health recommendations for KFL&A here](#).

For the safety and protection of our patients, clients, staff, physicians and learners, the following infection prevention and control measures are in place:

- **Screening:** All clinical students must enter PCH using the Main Entrance. Only those who pass screening will be allowed to enter the hospital. Please be aware of any changes to the screening questions, as well as those situations which may require additional precautions to be taken, such as work isolation. Physical distancing must be followed, and all floor markings adhered to. Please allow yourself extra time in case there are any delays or lines to enter the building.
- **Use of masks/face coverings:** Clinical students must wear a procedure mask while at the hospital. Masks/face coverings must be worn for the duration of your shift, except when actively eating or drinking outside the clinical areas.
- **Maintain physical distancing:** All clinical students and clinical instructors must practice physical distancing (> 6 feet distance from one another) while at PCH except when you are assisting with client care or providing therapy.
- **Areas off unit:** Other areas of the hospital such as the student lounge, cafeteria, and café are open for student use, but are not spaces to congregate. Please do not move furniture to sit closer together, and wear a mask at all times unless actively eating or drinking
- **Practice hand hygiene:** Perform hand hygiene every time you enter/exit the hospital, and follow the four moments of hand hygiene when working with clients.

Non-adherence to the above guidelines or instructions of staff may lead to the discontinuation of placements. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to implement a safe process for welcoming clinical students to the hospital.

Monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19

Clinical Students and Clinical Instructors are asked to monitor themselves for signs and symptoms of COVID-19:

- cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, fever/chills
- runny nose, sneezing, nasal congestion (not due to allergies)
- unexplained fatigue or malaise, nausea, diarrhea or changes in your taste/smell

If you have any of the above symptoms, do not visit the hospital. Please notify your school immediately. Isolate from others immediately. Contact KFL&A Public Health and follow [their instructions](#)

Visit the COVID-19 Assessment Centre for testing. Visit www.kflaph.ca for hours and location. Should you have a positive COVID-19 test result, the hospital's Occupational Health, Safety & Wellness Department will be in contact with you to conduct contact tracing.

As always the safety of our patients and clients remains our top priority. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to ensure Providence Care Hospital remains a safe place to work and receive care.

How to wear a mask



✓ Do's



Wash hands before putting on & after removing mask



Ensure mask covers your nose, mouth & chin



Remove using the straps or ear loops



Carry in paper bag or plastic container



Dispose if soiled or wet



Store in paper bag, open container or on a hook



Continue to practice physical distancing

✗ Don'ts



Do NOT wear if damp or dirty



Do NOT wear under nose or below chin



Do NOT touch mask while wearing it



Do NOT eat/drink with mask on



Do NOT wear mask hanging from one ear



Do NOT remove mask to cough or sneeze



Do NOT remove mask to speak to others or talk on the phone