

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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The COVID-19 pandemic has brought challenges to university education overall and, in particular, to the education of health professionals whose learning requires activities in school and in health care settings. The protective measures listed below are required to avoid transmission of COVID-19 to ourselves and to patients, fellow students, and faculty and staff both of the School and of the health care agencies where we practice. Failure to comply with these requirements will lead to your inability to complete your program of study and subject you to disciplinary action.

1. Complete COVID-19 education requirements prior to returning to campus and/or beginning patient care activities. Education requirements may vary for each clinical site and may be adjusted for a clinical site as more is known about transmission of COVID-19.
2. Complete and submit the medical clearance form one week prior to your appointment for fit-testing for an N95 or better respirator.
3. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration does not permit fit testing for any individual where there is facial hair or any obstruction between the face and respirator edge. Students, therefore, should come to the fit-testing appointment with a face free of hair or cloth covering that could interfere with the respirator's fit against facial skin.
4. To preserve the integrity of the N95 or better respirator issued by UMSON or a clinical site, you must store the respirator as directed and have it immediately available when engaged in patient care activities for which a respirator is required.
5. Complete symptom screening at the frequency and time required by clinical sites.
6. You should not come to UMB, USG, or a clinical site if you have symptoms or meet exposure criteria on the screening form. This is essential to reducing the possibility of COVID-19 transmission in the UMB, USG, and health care communities.
7. Wear a KN95 or equivalent face mask when indoors at any UMB or USG building. Clinical sites may have other requirements related to PPE, and students must follow those requirements.
8. When performing patient care in the standardized patient lab or at a clinical site, wear a KN95 or equivalent mask and face shield. You will be supplied with a face shield and a supply of KN95 face masks. You must conserve the KN95 or equivalent masks and face shield issued and have both available to use as needed in school and in clinical settings.
9. When exposed to or performing aerosol-generating procedures such as ENT exams, mouth care, suctioning or intubating patients, substitute an N95 or better respirator for a surgical-procedural face mask. A face shield must continue to be worn.