

University of Maryland School of Nursing

Monitoring Nursing Students During COVID-19 Pandemic

UMSON, in consultation with UMB's occupational health physician and contact tracers, will adhere to the CDC guidelines for exposure risk and contact tracing.

Student Responsibilities

- 1) Nursing students who are symptomatic of COVID-19, have a COVID-19+ test, **or** have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 are expected to call the UMB Hotline (**800-701-9863**) immediately. They also need to reach out to: a) the University of Maryland School of Nursing's health officer¹ if they are participating in face-to-face learning activities and b) if applicable, the UMB contact person posted in campus housing to be placed in an alternative housing arrangement. Students are expected to follow instructions for quarantine, testing and return to face-to-face activities as prescribed by the UMB hotline nursing case manager.
- 2) Nursing students who are unvaccinated and are required by clinical sites to be tested for COVID-19 on a weekly basis must comply with UMSON's instructions to obtain and submit results for weekly tests for COVID-19.

School Health Officer Responsibilities

- 1) The School's health officer will monitor for COVID-19 weekly testing compliance for unvaccinated students, as required. If a student is not compliant, the health officer will notify the program director/specialty director/associate dean for the PhD program (AD PhD) to ask that they work with the student to become compliant immediately.
- 2) Once notified by the hotline/contract tracers that a student has called, the health officer will maintain contact with the student to determine their COVID-19 status as advised by the hotline nurse case managers.
- 3) The health officer will notify other nursing students in the learning activity if UMB contact tracers will be reaching out to them and will ask them to respond immediately to the request. In the case that the circumstances do not warrant contact tracing, the health officer will send an email that outlines the potential exposure and advises the students of their options for follow-up, including testing, and indicates the School will support them if they elect to quarantine.
- 4) The health officer will notify the appropriate program director/specialty director/AD PhD that a student is quarantining.
- 5) The health officer will notify the director, Office of the Registrar and Students Placements; the program director/specialty director/associate dean; and instructors when a student is cleared by the hotline nurse case managers to return to face-to-face learning activities.

Program Director/Specialty Director/Associate Dean for the PhD Program Responsibilities

- 1) If notified by an instructor that a student has been exposed to a COVID-19+ person or that a student has COVID-19-like symptoms or tests COVID-19+ and it is unclear whether the student has contacted the hotline, the program director/specialty director/AD PhD will contact the health officer.

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Faculty/Staff Member Responsibilities

- 1) If a faculty member (including clinical instructors) is aware of student exposure to a COVID-19+ person or that a student has COVID-19-like symptoms or tests COVID-19+, they will contact the health officer and provide the following information, as available:
 - a. Date of exposure to COVID-19+ person
 - b. Date student became symptomatic and/or date of COVID-19+ test, if applicable
 - c. Where the last face-to-face learning activities took place in **the previous three days**
 - d. Whether the student has called the hotline and whether instructions from the hotline are available (e.g., quarantine, get tested)
- 2) The health officer will send the following communication to the student: “It is my understanding that you are either symptomatic for COVID-19, have been exposed to COVID-19, or have a recent positive test for COVID-19. If you haven’t done so already, you are required to notify UMB’s COVID-19 Hotline (800-701-9863) immediately to receive a clearance to return to learning activities through email communication from the hotline nursing case managers. I will be in contact with your program director so that the School can work with you to support your continued progression in the program while you follow the advice of UMB’s nurse case managers, if applicable.”
- 3) The faculty or staff member must notify the appropriate program director/specialty director/AD PhD to ensure necessary follow-up to support the student’s continued progression. The program director/specialty director/AD PhD will then notify the appropriate academic dean to develop a plan to continue monitoring the student’s COVID-19 status and plan for supporting the student’s continued progression. The academic dean will notify the health officer for purposes of ongoing follow-up.

Director, Office of the Registrar and Student Placements Responsibility

The director, Office of the Registrar and Student Placements notifies the clinical site coordinator when UMSON is notified that a student is symptomatic and/or COVID-19+ unless another UMSON employee has a close working relationship with the site. In that case, the designated UMSON employee will notify the site.

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