COVID-19 Quick Reference Sheet – Years 3 and 4 Students

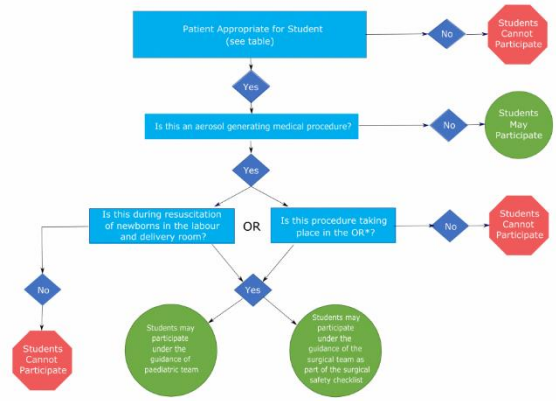
What type of patients can students see during their clinical experiences?

Is COVID-19 Suspected in this Patient?	COVID-19 Test Results	COVID-19 Student Category
No →	N/A →	✓
Possibly (LOW – MODERATE pretest probability) →	Negative →	✓
Possibly (LOW – MODERATE pretest probability) →	Pending →	✓
Yes (HIGH pretest probability) →	Negative and medical team thinks that this is a false negative	⊘
Yes (HIGH pretest probability) →	Pending →	⊘
Unknown →	Pending →	⊘
N/A →	Positive →	⊘

✓ = Students are permitted to see ⊘ = Students are not permitted to see

All patients should be screened for suitability before students are involved with in-person care. Students are permitted to participate in in-person care of patients in the groups identified by a green check mark **provided appropriate PPE is available**. The attending physician and team may further use their discretion for student involvement in low-moderate pretest probability cases, and students always have the right to refuse work they feel is unsafe. Any guidelines specific to a student's hospital site or Health Authority still apply.

What aerosol generating medical procedures (AGMP) procedures can students participate in?



Students may participate in **all non-AGMP's**.

Students may participate in **AGMP's as follows**:

- When in the OR with a low risk patient under the guidance of the Operating Room team via the Surgical Safety checklist.
- In the resuscitation of a newborn in the LDR under the guidance of the Pediatric team as evidence suggests that the rate of vertical transmission of COVID-19 is low.

What do I do if I get sick?

If you get sick while **at home**:

- Stay home and use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if testing for COVID-19 is indicated and arrange for testing if advised

If you get sick during **a clinical experience**:

- Don a surgical mask
- Notify your supervising Preceptor
- Go home (avoid using public transit if possible)
- Use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool to determine if testing for COVID-19 is indicated and arrange for testing if advised

For either of the above scenarios, if self-isolation is required, please follow the procedure to report an unanticipated absence at your site as posted in the Policy and Forms section of Entrada.

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What do I do if I am exposed to COVID-19?

If exposure happens in either **the clinical and/or non-clinical environment** (e.g. someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19) you can use the BC Health Care Worker Exposures Risk Assessment Tool to **assess the risk level** (no risk, low risk or high risk) of the exposure and to **obtain a recommendation** of how to proceed based on whether you are **asymptomatic or symptomatic**.

Medical students are classified as **non-essential** Health Care workers (HCW).

HCW's who **develop symptoms** after **any level** of exposure risk or environment type need to:

1. **EXCLUDE** from work + **SELF-ISOLATE** as directed
2. **NOTIFY** supervising Preceptor/delegate
3. **TEST** – follow facility process to get tested or contact PWHCC

Students are encouraged to use the BC COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool prior to entering the clinical environment each day as a means of routinely monitoring their health.

If self-isolation is required, please follow the procedure to report an unanticipated absence at your site as posted in the Policy and Forms section of Entrada.

When can I return to clinical experiences after being sick?

Reference the BC Health Care Worker Return to Work Decision Tree tool for guidance.

What should I do if I can't find the appropriate PPE that is required for an encounter?

You **should not** participate in a clinical encounter if you do not have the appropriate PPE. Instead, notify your supervising Preceptor. If they are not available or if the issue is not resolved at the time, then move on to notify the Elective Owner or your home site Electives Director (listed below).

For any unresolved issues relating to access to PPE in a clinical encounter, please notify Nick Steel, UBC FoM Health & Safety Advisor.

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