POLICY TITLE
UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Student Protocol for Clinical Learning During COVID-19 *(previously titled Clinical Learning Environment During COVID-19)*

PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for UNC Chapel Hill Master of Health Sciences Physician Assistant Students (MHSPAS) in the clinical learning environment at UNC Health or any of the regional clinical sites during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ARC-PA STANDARD ADDRESSED
A3.01: Program policies must apply to all students, principal faculty and the program director regardless of location.
A3.02: The program must define, publish, make readily available and consistently apply its policies and procedures to all students.
A3.08: The program must define, publish, make readily available and consistently apply polices addressing student exposure to infections and environmental hazards before students undertake any education activities which would place them at risk. Those policies must: (a) address methods of prevention, (b) address procedures for care and treatment after exposure.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE
This policy will be reviewed quarterly by the UNC MHSPAS Director of Clinical Education and Manager of Business and Student Affairs, elevating any policy amendments to the Program Director for approval.

DEFINITIONS
COVID-19: Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a newly discovered coronavirus.

POLICY
This policy aims to reduce the spread of the virus, and reduce the number of patients and colleagues who become infected. Slowing the spread of the disease is our best tool to save lives. While there is no clear national consensus on how best to manage business-related travel, particularly in health care, UNC Health leaders have drawn heavily on CDC recommendations, advice from our infectious disease experts, and discussions with other health systems and the University of North Carolina System.

1. **Students returning from high COVID-19 prevalence areas outside of NC and students who have worked or volunteered in high COVID-19 prevalence settings must adhere to the following restrictions:**
   A. Business Travel outside the state of North Carolina is **prohibited**.
   B. Business Travel within the state of North Carolina (UNC Health Entities)
      i. Consult the [CDC COVID-19 Guidelines for Travel](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-guidelines.html) before considering travel. This includes wearing masks while in public. Practicing social distancing is crucial when out in any community. Travel to areas of high rates of community COVID-19 transmission is discouraged. Attending mass gatherings of any kind is discouraged. Exceptions may be made if a gathering has a known...
ii. outbreak (i.e., a conference experiences an outbreak); therefore, UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students who attended may need to be out of clinical duties or classroom activities for 10 days after their exposure. UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students must contact the UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) to determine level of exposure and health screening. Students who are placed on university approved absence (UAA) will need to be cleared by UNC Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or classroom activities.

iii. If you become symptomatic (cough, fever >100.00 F, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, GI symptoms, sore throat, shaking chills), DO NOT report to clinic or class and contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572). Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

C. Personal Domestic/International Travel
i. Students are allowed to return to clinical duties or campus classroom after travel or group gatherings if asymptomatic and have practiced the CDC COVID-19 Guidelines for Travel.

D. Attending/participating in mass gatherings
i. Students must adhere to the Extended Use Mask Guidance and continuous self-monitoring with daily wellness checks.

ii. If you become symptomatic (cough, fever >100.00 F, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, GI symptoms, sore throat, shaking chills), DO NOT report to clinic or class and contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572). Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

E. Individuals, including students, traveling outside the state of North Carolina and returning to a UNC Health facility for business or educational purposes:

i. These individuals must adhere to the Extended Use Mask Guidance and continuous self-monitoring with daily wellness checks.

ii. If the individual becomes symptomatic (cough, fever >100.0°F, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, GI symptoms, sore throat, shaking chills), they MUST NOT enter a UNC Health facility or MUST leave the facility immediately. The UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS must contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572). Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

F. Spending time in any of the following that has been designated by a health department as having an outbreak or cluster of COVID-19 in the past 14 days: Factory, Prison, Group Home, Congregate Living Facilities:

i. Discouraged.

ii. Students must adhere to the Extended Use Mask Guidance and continuous self-monitoring with daily wellness checks.
iii. Call UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) prior to returning to work at a UNC Health facility to determine your level of exposure. Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus activities.

iv. If individuals become symptomatic (cough, fever >100.0°F, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, GI symptoms, sore throat, shaking chills), DO NOT report to clinic or class and contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6573). Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

G. If a UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student has a positive COVID-19 PCR test result, has a household member who has symptoms and is currently getting tested for COVID-19, has a household member who is positive for COVID, regardless of symptoms, has been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 outside of work, or has been told by a health department that the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student was a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person:
   i. DO NOT report to clinical duties or campus classroom
   ii. Email the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and contact the UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) to determine level of exposure and health screening interview.
   iii. Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

2. Monitor Yourself For Symptoms Using Checklist Below 14 Days Prior To Starting Your Clinical Rotation:
   o Notify UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) if with positive symptoms:
     • Do you have new muscle aches not related to another medical condition or another specific activity (e.g. due to physical exercise)? (If so, take temperature)
     • Do you feel like you may have a temperature of greater than 100.0°F? (If so, take temperature)
     • Do you have sore throat not related to another medical condition (e.g. allergies)?
     • Do you have a new or worsening cough that is not related to another medical condition?
     • Do you have shortness of breath that is not attributable to another medical condition?
     • Do you have recent (<5 days) loss of smell and taste?
     • Do you have a new onset of vomiting or diarrhea not related to another medical condition?
     • Do you have repeated shaking chills not related to another medical condition?
   o If positive symptoms, the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP must also notify the UNC Chapel Hill MSPAS Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business and Student Affairs
   o Students must be cleared by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health via phone and a medical clearance note emailed to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director prior to returning to clinical rotations.
3. **Methods of Prevention:**

   A. **Review COVID-19 Preparedness Page On UNC Health Intranet (Accessible With Epic Log In And Password):**


      Pay specific attention to:

      a) Mask and PPE guidelines
      b) Watch Donning and Doffing videos
      c) Testing criteria
      d) Key components of COVID-19 Strategy
      e) Travel Policy and Requirements

      And be aware:

      f) Make up and N-95 Mask Sterilization

      More than 2,000 N-95s have had to be discarded due to make-up stains. To conserve our limited supply of N-95 masks, students are prohibited from wearing make-up that comes in contact with your N95 during your shift if you anticipate working in the COVID-19 containment areas or taking care of patients that require the use of an N-95 during your work shift.

   B. **Review the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) COVID-19 Homepage:**

      UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students should review the NCDHHS COVID-19 homepage for up-to-date information about COVID-19, guidance, resources, and ways to slow the spread.

4. **Review Regional Campus Guidelines If Working At A Regional Campus:**

   If you are rotating out of UNC Health (for example at a regional campus) check in with the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director to see if additional preparation is required.

5. **Frequently review the UNC-Chapel Hill CV-19 Dashboard:**

   The [UNC-Chapel Hill COVID-19 Dashboard](https://www.unc.edu/chapelhill/coronavirus/) helps the university track and analyze the impact of COVID-19 on the overall health of the campus community and the ability to respond to change during these unprecedented times. The dashboard is updated daily Monday – Friday and pulls data from multiple sources to create a comprehensive illustration of health trends and operational capacities across campus, as well as stay updated on COVID-19 data relevant to campus, local and state communities.

6. **Frequently review the NCDHHS COVID-19 North Carolina Dashboard:**

   The [COVID-19 North Carolina Dashboard](https://www.nc.gov/covid19) provides an overview on the metrics and capacities that the state is following. Information included on the dashboard include daily cases, daily tests, hospitalizations, contact tracing, PPE, vaccinations outbreaks and clusters.
7. **SlowCOVIDNC Exposure App:**
   It is recommended UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students download the SlowCOVIDNC Exposure Notification app, enable your Bluetooth and Exposure Notification settings, and be notified if you have been in close contact with someone who has shared a positive COVID-19 test result in the app. Once you opt-in to the notification system, you can also anonymously share a positive COVID-19 test result in the app. SlowCOVIDNC protects your identity and privacy while empowering you to protect yourself, your family, and your community.

8. **Steps To Take In Case Of An Exposure Or Illness:**

   **Stay home if you are:**
   a) sick (especially if with a fever greater or equal to 100.0°F or a cough or shortness of breath, or URI symptoms)
   b) if you have been tested for COVID-19, or
   c) if you have been in close contact (i.e., household contact) with anyone being tested for COVID-19:
      - If it is a medical emergency, go to the Emergency Room or call 911.
      - Notify your immediate onsite Clinical Supervisor, the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business & Student Affairs. If this is a possible work exposure, consult the rotation site’s occupational health provider (UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health if at UNC Medical Center, KidzCare Pediatrics, other regional private practices) and follow their recommendations (see contact information below).
      - Contact the UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) if you are being tested for COVID-19, have a recommendation to get tested at UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health, or have questions regarding your health

**Contact info for UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health and System-Specific Occupational/Employee Health:**

- **UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health:** 919-966-6572
- **UNC Medical Center:** 24/7 Occupational Health COVID-19 Hotline at 984-215-5668
- **UNCPN:** Call 984-215-6525; students should leave a message to receive a call back from the UNCPN Occupational Health and Infection Prevention teams
- **UNC REX:**
  - 919-784-3159 between 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday
  - Page an Employee Health nurse (by searching for COVID-19 in the ‘Last Name/Service’ field) after 4:30 p.m. weekdays or on weekends
- **Wayne UNC Health Care Corporate Health:** 919-731-6197
- **New Hanover Regional Medical Center:** 910-667-7445
- **Atrium Health:** 704-631-0200
- **Mission Health:** 828-213-9600

9. **Steps To Request An Exemption For Clinical Care:**
   Contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Program Director, Clinical Director, and Manager of Business & Student Affairs if you meet any of the three criteria: (personally immunocompromised/pregnant/ household member who is immunocompromised) or if you have other concerns about your safety.
PROCEDURES
In support of our collective health and safety, each of us has a responsibility to know and act on these standards and policies in a way that maximizes a safe and healthy environment for us to teach, work, learn and live. This is a program specific competency of UNC Chapel MHSPAS: Students must demonstrate and model professional and ethical behavior, sensitivity to patients and maintain personal health and well-being.

1. Best Practices When UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Students Leave Home:
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will wash their hands often.** Research continues to support that washing your hands with soap and water is one of the best ways to remove germs, avoid getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others. Always wash your hands after you touch highly touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, elevator buttons and photo copiers, and avoid touching your face, especially after coming into contact with these highly touched surfaces. Hand hygiene is especially critical after sneezing or coughing, after using the bathroom, before and after eating and throughout the day. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% to 90% alcohol as hand sanitizers are also effective at preventing the spread of germs. Also, wash your hands before and after handling a face mask or facial covering.
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will practice physical distancing.** Research has shown that transmission of COVID-19 can occur even when individuals are asymptomatic. Physical distancing is a key way we can help limit the spread of the virus. Stay at least 6 feet away from other people whenever possible in all indoor and outdoor settings. Avoid gathering in large groups and avoid crowded areas.
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will wear a face mask.** Face masks must be worn from entering buildings to leaving buildings and in indoor common spaces. When eating or drinking, masks do not need to be worn but 6-foot physical distance must be maintained. Masks must be worn in outdoor situation where you cannot maintain a 6-foot physical distance. Face masks do not need to be worn at home or in private office when alone. If the mask becomes damaged or visibly soiled, it needs to be replaced. Cloth masks or face coverings should be washed daily, and the fabric design or pattern should be appropriate for the classroom and the workplace.
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will adhere to gathering limits.** Individuals and groups, including student and community organizations, should limit in-person programs, events and social gatherings to the number of individuals specified by national, state and local guidance. Individuals and groups in the State of North Carolina must follow Stay Ahead of the Curve restrictions, to include in-person and outside gathering restrictions.

2. Best Practices When UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students Work In Clinical Settings Or Come To School
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will read, initial and sign the following attestations prior to the first day of clinical phase:**
     - UNC MHSPAS Student Attestations for Clinical Learning During COVID-19
     - UNC MHSPAS Infectious & Communicable Diseases Attestation
     - UNC MHSPAS Health Care Provider Disclaimer
     - UNC Chapel Hill Student Acknowledgement
   • **UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will self-check for symptoms daily.** Before leaving home for work or study each day, all UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS must check for symptoms (temperature >100°F, new muscle aches, new or worsening cough, sore throat, runny nose, congestion, shortness of breath, recent loss of smell or taste, vomiting, diarrhea, shaking chills contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or awaiting the results of a test because of symptoms).
UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students attest to completing the daily UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS COVID-19 Risk Assessment Screening as a condition of enrollment in the clinical phase, and students who do not adhere to the standards are subject to administrative or disciplinary action.

Any UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Student who is experiencing any symptom(s) indicated on the screening checklist must not go to class or clinicals and must contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572), the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business and Student Affairs.

- UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS must acknowledge and follow the UNC Chapel Hill COVID-19 Community Standards as a condition of enrollment in the clinical phase, and students who do not adhere to standards are subject to administrative or disciplinary action.
- UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will wear a medical mask at all times indoors on campus and when in a clinical setting. Face masks must be worn from entering buildings to leaving buildings and in indoor common spaces. When eating or drinking, masks do not need to be worn but 6-foot physical distance must be maintained.
- UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students will wear approved universal precautions wrap around eye protection or a face shield at all times when in the clinical setting. Wearing both a mask and appropriate eye protection/face shield has been shown to decrease transmission of COVID-19. For those with prescription glasses, wrap around eye protection or face shields should be worn over prescription glasses. Even an exposure to a patient who is COVID-19 positive and not wearing a mask is considered a low-risk exposure if you are wearing a mask and appropriate eye protection. When eating or drinking, eye protection or face shield do not need to be worn but 6-foot physical distance must be maintained.
- Older children and adult patients with whom the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student interacts at any capacity should be wearing a mask whenever possible. Many clinical settings have instituted a policy that patients over 2 years old who do not have trouble breathing and who control their airway should wear a mask. If you are working in a clinical setting that does not have this policy, please make sure your preceptor is aware that as a UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student you are only expected to interact directly with patients who are following these guidelines. If you do not feel comfortable asking your patient to wear a mask, or if you experience resistance from a patient, please ask your preceptor for assistance. You may opt out of such care. Do recall that given the current evidence, health care providers who are wearing both eye protection and masks are considered to have a low-risk exposure even if working with a patient who is COVID-19 positive and not wearing a mask.
- UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students are not expected to see patients who are COVID-19 positive or at high risk for being COVID-19 positive. The UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP supports and acknowledges the care of COVID-19 positive patients or patients at high risk of being COVID-19 positive is not expected of any student and is only permitted for Clinical Phase students if the student desires, and only when appropriate PPE is sufficient to allow student involvement. Participation in such care is to be expressly opt-in by marking the opt-in box in the student attestation for clinical learning during COVID-19. Any UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student who changes their mind after opt-in / opt-out, must contact the Director of Clinical Education in writing. UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students must understand any changes may result in a delay in completion program requirements and graduation. The UNC-CH MHSPAS program bills tuition each semester at a flat rate regardless of the number of credit hours registered. Students may require additional semesters beyond the standard 6 semester.
terms required to complete the program. Students will be responsible for all tuition and fees for additional semesters required to complete all program coursework and requirements at the semester flat rate regardless of the number of credit hours registered.

3. When UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student is asymptomatic and wants a COVID-19 screening test:
   • Testing is available for UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students but is voluntary. Students should visit the Carolina Together Testing Program and reference Group 4 testing frequency.
   • Students should access HallPass (hallpass.unc.edu), a mobile friendly. Web-based application to be used for the Carolina Together Testing Program. HallPass registers members, informs and reminds them about testing and provides a streamlined interface at the testing location. If a student test positive, the important and necessary information is shared with UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.
   • UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student will self-isolate until the COVID-19 screening test results (normal turn-around time is 24-48 hours).
   • UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student will notify the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business & Student Affairs of the pending COVID-19 screening test and placed on administrative excused absence.
   • If the COVID-19 screening test result is negative, the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student must contact the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director with notification of the negative result prior to resuming clinical duties or campus classroom activities.
   • If the COVID-19 screening test result is positive, the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student must contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health (919-966-6572) to be placed on university approved absence (UAA) and email UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director notifying them of the positive test result and UAA.
   • If the COVID-19 screening test is positive, the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student will need clearance by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health along with a medical clearance note sent to the UNC Chapel Hill MSPASP Clinical Director prior to resuming clinical duties or campus classroom activities.

4. When UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student has symptoms or has been exposed to someone who is COVID-19 positive:
   • UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student will follow the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS COVID-19 Exposure and Symptom Protocol. The UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP has worked with UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health and UNC School of Medicine Infectious Disease experts to define a protocol that must be followed in situations where UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student has symptoms that might be consistent with COVID-19 infection or when you have been exposed to a person who is COVID-19 positive or is suspected of being COVID-19 positive.
UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Student COVID-19 Exposure and Symptom Protocol:

I. What to do if you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever ≥ 100.0 F or a cough/shortness of breath/ URI symptoms/GI symptoms or new loss of taste/smell):
   a) Do not report to the clinical site (clinic or hospital) or campus classroom
   b) Call the number listed below for the campus where you are working. They will arrange for COVID-19 testing if indicated. If asked about a supervisor or local contact when calling, please use the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director contact name.
      • Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Durham, Morrisville, Fayetteville, Goldsboro: UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health 919-966-6572 (This phone number will take you to UNC HealthLink on nights and weekends. HealthLink will coordinate with UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.
      • Asheville: UNC-Asheville Health 828-251-6520 (This phone number will take you to UNC HealthLink on nights and weekends. HealthLink will coordinate with UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.)
      • Charlotte: Teammate Health 704-631-0200
      • Wilmington: Employee Health 910-667-7445 or after hours 910-685-3518
   c) Notify the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business & Student Affairs.
   d) If the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student is not directed by a provider for COVID-19 testing, follow the clinical guidance of the providers. If you are at a regional campus, call UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health and provide them with this information. If UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health suggests you quarantine and places you on university approved absence (UAA) due to illness, you will need clearance by UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health along with a medical clearance note sent to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Clinical Director prior to resuming clinical duties or campus classroom activities. UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health emails UAA directly to the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS Clinical Director.
   e) If you have been in close contact (<6 feet away without a mask for >15 minutes) with other students/faculty at UNC (i.e., roommates, classmates, etc.), please contact them and have them Contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.
   f) If the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS is directed by a provider for COVID-19 testing and are awaiting results:
      • Do not report to your clinical site (clinic or hospital) or campus classroom activities.
      • Follow the clinical guidance of the providers who performed the test.
      • Contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health to obtain a university approved absence (UAA).
      • Inform the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Manager of Business & Student Affairs of the instructions provided by your testing provider.
      • All UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students must notify UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health of your test results. You cannot return to clinical duties or campus classroom activities until instructed by the local testing team and have received a medical clearance note from UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.
      • UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students who have symptoms but do not have a known exposure to someone who is COVID-19 positive, a reliable PCR test that comes back
II. What to do if the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student had a possible exposure to a person who is COVID-19 positive or a person who is suspected of being COVID-19 positive.

- **Low-risk exposure** is when both you and the contact person wore masks or when the contact person did not wear a mask, but you wore a mask plus eye protection.
- **Medium-risk exposure** is when only one person (you or the contact person) was wearing a mask.
- **High-risk exposure** is when no one was wearing a mask and was < 6 feet away for > 15 minutes.

a) **If the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student had a medium or high-risk exposure** to a patient, team member, household member, or community member who is COVID-19 positive or is likely COVID-19 positive:
   - Do not report to the clinical site (clinic or hospital) or campus classroom.
   - Please follow the “student exposure and symptoms” protocol listed above.
   - If you have been in close contact (<6 feet away without a mask for >15 minutes) with other students/faculty at UNC (i.e., roommates, classmates, etc.), please contact them and have them contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health to determine if they need to be tested. This may not be a medium-high risk exposure for them but UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health will determine.

b) **If the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student had a low-risk exposure** to a patient, team member, household member, or community member who is COVID-19 positive or is likely COVID-19 positive:
   - UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student may continue to participate in clinical rotations or campus classroom activities. Continue to wear your mask and eye protection at all times.
   - UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS students should monitor symptoms. If the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student develops symptoms, follow the “student exposure and symptoms” protocol listed above.

III. What to do if a UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student is off-site and has not paid the UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health Fee:

- The UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAS student is not eligible for UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.
- If the exposure was due to a clinical or practicum experience:
  - Do not report to the clinical site (clinic or hospital) or campus classroom activities.
  - Call occupational health at the clinical site to receive instructions on next steps.
  - If clinical site occupational health suggests you quarantine, or if you have a positive COVID-19 test, notify the UNC Chapel Hill MHSPAP Clinical Director and UNC Chapel Hill
- MHSPAP Manager Business & Student Affairs who will provide an administrative excused absence.
- If you have been in close contact (<6 feet away without a mask for >15 minutes) with other students/faculty at UNC (i.e., roommates, classmates, etc.), please contact them and have them contact UNC Chapel Hill Campus Health.

**PUBLISHED**
- UNC PA Program Policies and Procedures web page: [https://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/unc-pa/students/policies-proceedures/](https://www.med.unc.edu/ahs/unc-pa/students/policies-proceedures/)
- UNC PA Program Student Handbook

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