POLICY TITLE
UNC School of Medicine On-Campus Clinical Teaching during COVID-19

PURPOSE AND SCOPE
The purpose of this policy is to establish policy and procedures for students during on-campus clinical teaching during COVID-19.

ARC PA STANDARD ADDRESSED
A3.08: The program must publish and make readily available policies addressing student exposure to infectious disease and address methods of prevention.

RESPONSIBLE PARTY AND REVIEW CYCLE
UNC Provost and Health Affairs Committee will review this policy periodically.

HISTORY OF APPROVAL AND UPDATES
Initially approved by UNC Provost, June 10, 2020
Initially approved by UNC PA Program Director, June 11, 2020

DEFINITIONS
N/A

POLICY
These guidelines are meant to allow students to begin on-campus clinical (OCC) experiences with peers, faculty, and/or with standardized patients (actors). These guidelines have been written to minimize the risk to students, standardized patients, and faculty/TAs. They are intended to be consistent with those of the authentic clinical environment in places such as UNC Health. Procedures will be updated as needed to reflect changes in the World Health Organization and/or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations.

PROCEDURE(S)
General Guidelines
a) All individuals will wear masks at all times.
b) All efforts will be made to keep physical distancing greater than 1 meter between persons; if that distance is not feasible given the nature of the student learning experience, all individuals in the space will have the option of wearing face shields in addition to a mask.
c) All individuals will follow WHO/CDC guidelines for hand hygiene.
d) Faculty/TA, standardized patients, and students will adhere to School Policy regarding attestation of being COVID-symptom free.
e) Faculty/TA will limit physical contact with students. If hands-on feedback is provided to a student, the Faculty/TA member will perform hand hygiene between any student contacts.
**Student Preparation**

a) Students must complete student attestations regarding on campus clinical learning
b) Students who determine they are not ready or able to return for any reason are referred to Department/Program policies to request a leave of absence.
c) Additional training and assessment may be provided to specific student cohorts in some disciplines based on needs or prior training completed.

**Check-In Procedures**

Prior to entering laboratory space, all must undergo wellness screen consistent with UNC Health screening policies.

a) Upon arrival to the lab space, all students, standardized patients, and Faculty/TA will perform hand hygiene.
b) For PPE, surgical masks are required in all clinical hands-on teaching and learning. Eye protection and gloves will be available upon request.
c) Special Procedure PPE is required for procedures that involve work at the mouth and nose. That includes face shield, surgical mask, and gloves. The examinee will remove mask for as brief a time period as possible for oral pharynx examination teaching.

**General Procedures**

a) Students are assigned to an area physically distanced (2m) from other students. Markings of lab spaces are indicated with colored tape on the floor or lab tables. Adequate space is provided to allow for physical distancing while accessing hand hygiene stations.
b) Each on campus clinical teaching room will have cleaning agents and paper towels for cleaning space and equipment.
c) Students will be assigned to work with a limited number of classmates for the duration of the semester and across courses when possible.
d) Students, standardized patients, and Faculty/TA will perform hand hygiene between procedures during the lab activities.
e) All must perform hand hygiene before leaving lab space.
f) No food or drinks of any kind are allowed in the lab space.
Check-out Procedures

a) Students will sanitize their lab space, table, chairs, and any other equipment use in lab prior to dismissal.
b) Masks may be reused consistent with current UNC Health mask utilization policies.
c) All should maintain physical distancing during class dismissal process.
d) All should maintain surgical mask or personal facial covering upon exiting the lab space and throughout campus buildings.
e) Faculty/TA will collect and sanitize equipment used in labs and store clean and ready for use.
f) All will perform hand hygiene upon completion and before leaving lab area.