

Salisbury University

COVID-19 Clinical, Field Placement, and Internship Guidelines for Students

Based on what is known today about COVID-19, most college students are not representative of a high-risk population for the virus. Current data suggest that those most at risk are the elderly and those with compromised immune systems or underlying chronic medical illness. The following guidelines apply to all SU students in their clinicals, field placements, and internships:

- Education formats such as clinical, small simulation, field placements, internships, and other similar experiences may continue on a case-by-case basis with approval from the Dean.
- Students should not:
 - Attend clinicals, field placements, or internships if they have been asked to self-quarantine by public health authorities or in accordance with USM guidelines
 - Participate in the care of known or suspected COVID-19 patients
- Clinicals, field placements, and internships will be canceled in the following circumstances:
 - At any site that is treating a patient with COVID-19 where appropriate environmental controls cannot be implemented per CDC guidelines
 - At any site when crisis standards of care are used to care for COVID-19 patients
 - At any site unable to provide students with site-specific, appropriate personal protective equipment. Students are encouraged to provide their own face mask/shield. If this is not possible, the University will provide face masks/shields.
 - At any site where there is an insufficient level of staff employees to carry out regular duties. Students will neither be expected nor permitted to perform services in lieu of an employee.
- Students must:
 - Communicate with their clinical, field placement, or internship instructor before attending any scheduled experiences to check if cancellation is warranted
 - Immediately communicate to their clinical, field placement, or internship instructor and their school's clinical, field placement, or internship coordinator any safety concerns and stop participating in the experience until the issue is resolved
 - Inform their clinical, field placement, or internship coordinator if they have a health condition that puts them at high risk or have other relevant circumstances (e.g., caregiver for an immunosuppressed family member).
 - Work with their clinical, field placement, or internship coordinator to identify educational experiences that reduce their risk while meeting educational requirements.
- For international clinicals, field placements, and internships, travel advisories from the CDC and State Department as well as USM guidance on international travel should be followed.
- Clinical, field placement, and internship sites and/or SU retain the right to cancel student participation at any time to protect the safety of students and staff.
- SU will be compliant with all program specific accreditation mandatory guidance.
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Note: All policies are subject to change in the event that new information becomes available or if SU must adjust the policy in light of new federal, state, local or USM regulations and policies.