



### **COVID-19 Student Attestation**

Cabarrus College of Health Sciences is committed to providing a safe learning environment that maximizes student success. The College Safety Committee has enacted various safety measures to minimize the risk of exposure to COVID-19 while maintaining academic and administrative operations. All teammates and students will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms prior to entering the building. Everyone who enters will be asked to respond truthfully to a series of questions asked by our Screening group, handled by trained College teammates. The Screeners will provide everyone with a badge sticker as proof of screening clearance. Clinical students will receive training regarding procedures to maintain infection control safety when in a clinical setting.

As members of the College community, students also have responsibilities they must exhibit to protect the safety of themselves and others. Each student must commit to adhering to each of these responsibilities and the associated guidelines published by the College.

### **Student Responsibilities**

Students must adhere to the following safety guidelines for COVID-19 while on campus:

- Follow strict social distancing practices while on campus. Follow instructions related to scheduled time on campus to ensure that phased return room capacities are not exceeded.
- Practice good hand hygiene. Use the >60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer provided in the front lobby upon entering the College and frequently while on campus.
- Avoid touching your face with gloved or unwashed hands.
- Bring your own mask to wear while on campus (from the time you exit your car to coming into the building, in all common areas, while around others, and when returning to your car).
- Maintain safe PPE donning and doffing practices. Refer to video at <https://physicianconnect.atriumhealth.org/Clinical-Reference/Infectious-Disease/Outbreak-Information/Coronavirus/Clinical-Students>
- Follow directions seen on signs/arrows including, but not limited to: hall traffic patterns-one-way routes, designated stairs up/down, maintaining social distancing, and classroom seating. All common areas including the Student Pavilion, Computer Lab, and Study Rooms remain closed for gatherings.
- Respectfully address peers or teammates who you observe not complying with the guidelines.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing fever/respiratory symptoms should stay home and must immediately notify their course faculty, program chair and/or the Dean of Student Affairs. Teammate Health will be notified of any students who test positive for COVID-19 to ensure active monitoring.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 should be retested 7-10 days after initial test. Students may return to campus if one of these criteria is met, whichever comes first:

- Two (2) consecutive negative tests (24-48 hours apart) and at least 72 hours without signs and symptoms.
- 14 days has passed from initial test and at least 72 hours without signs and symptoms.

In the event that a student must remain home as a result of exposure to or diagnosis of COVID-19, the student should contact his/her course faculty and program chair immediately to discuss available options to maintain

academic continuity during the quarantine period. Options include but are not limited to: completion of alternative learning experiences, adjustment of course or clinical schedules, and/or approval of a leave of absence. Efforts will be made to minimize the negative impact on academic progress while students adhere to appropriate safety protocols.

Students entering clinical settings will participate in patient care activities that may cause them to be exposed to infectious diseases. Students are required to demonstrate competency in the selection, donning and doffing of Personal Protective Equipment prior to starting clinical experiences. If students cannot demonstrate this competency, they should not enter any clinical environment. Students are encouraged to always practice good hygiene and social distancing to reduce the likelihood of contracting or spreading infectious disease. Atrium Health is not liable for any potential exposure to, or acquisition of, infectious diseases that may result from contact with patients or personnel in the clinical environment. Atrium Health is not liable for medical expenses related to testing or treatment of infectious diseases, nor is Atrium Health responsible for any delays in academic progress due to isolation for or treatment of any infectious disease. If students have a condition that places them at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 (i.e., pregnancy, uncontrolled diabetes, chronic respiratory complaints), they are strongly encouraged to abstain from clinical experiences at this time and should discuss options with their program chair.

Failure to adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines will be reported to the Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment as an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct and processed accordingly. Intentional violations will be reviewed where sanctions can range from a warning up to suspension or dismissal from the College.

#### Statement of Attestation

By submitting this form, I attest that I have carefully read and understand the responsibilities outlined in this document. I understand that it is my responsibility to follow all program, College, and Atrium Health guidelines and policies to take all available precautions so that the risk of exposure is minimized, and to and contact the Coordinator, Retention & Student Success to discuss any barriers I may have to compliance with this COVID-19 Student Attestation.

If I am in a clinical program, I acknowledge and understand that, as explained in this document, my degree program requires participation in clinical experiences and that such participation carries risks that cannot be eliminated. I will follow all guidelines related to prevention of diseases.

I understand that I should promptly communicate with my program chair if I have tested positive for COVID-19 or are experiencing fever/respiratory symptoms in order to discuss appropriate actions necessary with Teammate Health and for progression in my academic program.

Finally, I understand that failure to comply with any program, College, and/or Atrium Health guidelines will be reported as an alleged violation of the Code of Conduct and will be processed accordingly.

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Student Signature

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Date