

## College of Health and Public Services

### General COVID-19 Procedures/Guidelines

This document outlines the general safety protocols used by CHPS essential programs to help keep students, staff, and faculty safe. Essential programs provide the required training, certification, and qualified students needed for critical public services such as health care (Respiratory Therapist, Nursing, Dental Hygiene), emergency services (Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic), and criminal justice (Police Officer). Additional safety protocols will be used when necessary and as needed based on specific program requirements.

**IMPORTANT:** No one should come to work, training, or interact with others if they are sick.

#### 1. COVID-19 Testing

If and when COVID-19 testing becomes available for those without symptoms, programs may require certain students, staff, and faculty to be tested for the virus. This will depend on the most up-to-date information about the following:

- Availability of testing
- The risk level experienced without testing
- The effectiveness of testing in mitigating risk

#### 2. Health Screening

All faculty, staff and students involved with or associated with the program will complete a health screening each day or before the first session.

- Survey will be completed electronically (via Qualtrics for example) or paper and will ask questions about potential exposure to covid-19, symptoms and risk.
- A non-contact temperature screening will be conducted for each individual entering the training area.
- Those who do not pass the health screening survey and/or have a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to participate in training for that day. A CHPS representative will reach out to the student/employee for further discussion and actions to take.
- Students must complete a Return to Training form before resuming training.
- Faculty and Staff must complete a Return to Work form via Qualtrics before returning to work.

#### 3. Physical Distancing

To the extent possible, physical distancing will be maximized during training.

- Classroom setting;
  - physical distancing of 6' minimum.

- number of students will be limited to ensure physical distancing, includes queuing and flow considerations.
- Lab/field setting where 6' distancing can not occur;
  - generally less than 10 students.
  - requires additional PPE requirements/protocols for each program.
- Additional considerations;
  - ventilation will be increased where possible.
  - windows and doors will remain open.
  - training will occur outside when possible.
  - markings on the ground and various signs will encourage people to remain 6 feet apart whenever practicable.
  - no congregating will be allowed at the training location. Students should not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to their training and should leave immediately after their training.
  - where possible, furniture will be rearranged to facilitate and encourage physical distancing.
  - flow of students at the training should be considered to reduce interaction and close contact queues and while move from one area to another.

#### 4. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

All faculty, staff and students will wear required PPE as specified below and in program-specific procedures/requirements.

- Face coverings are required by faculty, staff, and students during training and while in buildings.
- Eye protection will be required when physical distancing cannot be maintained and when its usage does not cause other safety concerns.
- Face shields will be used in addition to the face-covering when there is a risk for aerosolization of oral/nasal fluids.

Note: students are required to follow hospital rules and procedures during clinicals.

#### 5. Hygiene

Faculty, staff, and students will wash their hands and/or use sanitizer before and after entering a training session and during the session as appropriate.

- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be readily available at training locations.
- Numerous signs will be displayed as a reminder and to encourage good hygiene practices.
- Departments will maintain an adequate supply of hand sanitizer for faculty, staff, and students.

#### 6. Cleaning

Equipment and facilities will be disinfected before and after use.

- Employees will disinfect commonly-touched surfaces after each use. These surfaces include tables, chairs, tools, equipment, doorknobs, light switches, etc.
- Departments will maintain an adequate supply of masks, hand sanitizer, etc., for faculty, staff, and students.

Resources and links:

<https://coronavirus.utah.gov/utah-leads-together/#3.0>

[https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health/Phased\\_Health\\_Guidelines\\_V4.5.3\\_05262020.pdf](https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health/Phased_Health_Guidelines_V4.5.3_05262020.pdf)

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