

POLICY TITLE: *COVID-Patients*

APPROVAL DATE: *December 18, 2020*  
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RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT: *Office of Medical Education*

APPLIES TO: *M3 and M4 Students*

## POLICY STATEMENT

1. **M3 students and M4 Students.** M3 Students and M4 students may be assigned by their supervising physician to provide direct patient care for patients (patient encounters and procedures) with SARS-CoV-2. They may see patients who are under investigation (PUI) for possible SARS-CoV-2 infection.
2. **M3 and M4 Students opting out.** M3 and M4 students may also opt out for specific reasons such as being immunocompromised, having a medical condition that puts them at higher risk and/or living with a family member who is considered higher risk. No explanation is required for opting out.

**It is expected that students would follow PPE conservation principles regardless of the patient's COVID status. Students must continue to observe universal precautions.**

Current Guidelines for testing and what to do if suspected of becoming infected with SARS-CoV-2 are found on [The Link](#) or by calling University Health Services (UHS).

**Third Party Requirements:** Certain programs at the University have clinical and/or external placements that are a requirement for program completion. To the extent permitted by law, Students enrolled in such programs will be expected to comply with all rules, policies, guidelines, and requirements of any third-party placement, including but not limited to vaccination and background check requirements. Any student's failure to comply with such third-party rules, policies, guidelines or requirements may result in the student not being able to complete and graduate from their program.