



COVID-19 Guidelines | NOSM Phase 2 Students in Clinical Settings

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1. General

- a. These recommendations are subject to change and will be reassessed on a regular basis.
- b. Phase 2 medical students are required to follow the Covid-19 policies and guidelines in place at each hospital and clinic. NOSM acknowledges that policies and guidelines will vary by institution, and respects the individualized approach that public health and health care organizations must take to protect their patients and health human resources.
- c. Students are expected to follow all local, provincial, and national health advice and restrictions.
- d. The decision of Phase 2 medical students to participate or not to participate in Covid-19 positive patient care cannot affect their assessments.

2. COVID-19

- a. Phase 2 medical students may "opt in" to confirmed Covid-19 positive patient care if all the following conditions are met:
 - i. When permitted by the hospital
 - ii. With preceptor approval and close supervision in a safe learning environment
 - iii. When appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is available and not in short supply
- b. Phase 2 medical students may "opt in" to Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures (AGMPs) if all the following conditions are met:
 - i. When permitted by the hospital
 - ii. With preceptor approval and close supervision in a safe learning environment
 - iii. When appropriate PPE is available and not in short supply
- c. If Phase 2 medical students are involved in an AGMP, they must be wearing appropriate PPE including an up-to-date fit-tested seal-checked N95 mask.

3. Exposure

- a. Phase 2 medical students who are inadvertently exposed to Covid-19 in the clinical learning environment without the appropriate PPE (ex. defective PPE, break in protocol), must follow the following process:
 - i. Remove themselves from the exposure.
 - ii. Notify their preceptor and/or SLC/SAC
 - iii. Notify Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) at the clinical site and follow their direction.
 - iv. If OH&S is closed, the UME learner could, in consultation with their preceptor or SLC/SAC, err on the side of caution and remove themselves from the clinical learning environment, and follow-up the next day
 - v. Report the exposure to the confidential email covidtracking@nosm.ca.
 - vi. Complete a WSIB Form 8.
- b. Phase 2 medical students who are inadvertently exposed to Covid-19 OUTSIDE of the clinical learning environment (e.g., social gathering), must immediately notified their SAC/SLC and follow local guidelines.

4. Vaccination

- a. Student and/or patient Covid-19 vaccination status does not change the requirement for medical students to follow all infection control protocols.
- b. Phase 2 medical students should send proof of vaccination to the NOSM Student Records and Electives Officer (records@nosm.ca) each time they receive a dose of the Covid-19 vaccination