

FRASER HEALTH COVID-19 STUDENT PRACTICE GUIDELINES

This document is to provide guidance and resources for all schools with students and instructors at Fraser Health practice settings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is essential that students and instructors are familiar with the information below, prior to starting in the practice setting.

	Acute Care	Long Term Care, Assisted Living, Independent Living	Community
Site Restrictions		Single site order* for student** and instructors including practice education, employment, and volunteering.	
Symptom Monitoring	Before coming to clinical and before every shift, students should complete a self-assessment , and if they have a fever, new cough or difficulty breathing, they need to stay home from clinical.		
Vaccination Status		As of 09SEP21, mandatory full COVID-19 vaccination (2 nd dose plus 7 days) as per Provincial Health Order (PHO) is required by 12OCT21.	
Key Principles While on Site	<p>Where possible, students and instructors should follow public health and infection control measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a distance of two metres from others • Practice proper hand hygiene • Avoid touching their face • Practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette • Students should limit the exchange of papers, if documents must be exchanged, leave them on a clean surface • No sharing of pens or other office equipment. If not possible, consider cleaning before and after use • No sharing of food and snacks • Students are asked not to go on breaks in groups 		
Dress Code	Students/faculty should plan to have change of clothes and shoes to travel to and from the placement site and clothes to work in. They must wash placement clothes daily between units (wash with hot water and tumble-dry). See Professional Image Policy for further details.		

*Single site has moved to Regional Clusters in Fraser Health. Students can do more than one site in a geographical cluster (i.e., EAST, NORTH, and SOUTH Fraser).

**Health Career Access Program (HCAP) students can work at one Fraser Health work site and another clinical placement site.

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<p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</p>	<p>Don a surgical or procedure mask AND eye protection at the start of shift and continue to wear it throughout the shift until it becomes soiled, moist, difficult to breathe through, or when leaving the patient care area for any reason.</p> <p>Once a mask has been doffed, it is to be disposed of and a new one should be donned.</p> <p>Remove and clean eye protection if it becomes soiled or if visibility is obscured.</p> <p>If providing care for COVID-19 and non COVID-19 patients, doff ALL PPE in between patients.</p>	<p>Don a procedure mask when entering the facility and extend wearing of the mask. Remove and discard mask and clean hands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the masks becomes damp, damaged, visibly soiled, or difficult to breathe through • Before going for breaks • At the end of the shift • Put on a new mask when returning to work activities <p>Wear eye protection when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entering long term care units • Within 2 meters of a resident on Droplet Precautions • Or as indicated by routine practices and point of care risk assessment. 	<p>Put on a procedure mask at beginning of shift or before entering patient/client’s home.</p> <p>Wear mask continuously during home visits. It is not necessary to change the mask when going from one patient/client’s home to another.</p> <p>Put on a new mask after coffee and lunch breaks and return to work.</p> <p>Change mask if it becomes damp, damaged, visibly soiled, or difficult to breathe through.</p> <p>Put on eye protection at beginning before entering patient/client’s home.</p> <p>Place the eye protection in a clean bag and don at the next appointment prior to entry to the client’s home.</p>
<p>Masks, gloves, gowns are provided to students by the unit.</p>			
<p>Student Assignment</p>	<p>When appropriate, students may provide care to presumptive-positive patients or patients with confirmed COVID-19, when the required competencies, supervision and IPC practices are in place.</p>		
<p>COVID Education</p>	<p>Students and instructors are to review the following training video and document prior to the practice setting start date:</p> <p>Donning and Donning for Droplet Precautions PPE</p> <p>BCCDC Student Practice Education Guidelines for Health-Care Settings during COVID-19 Pandemic</p>		