

**COVID-19 SYLLABUS ADDENDUM
Spring 2023**

The spring semester will engage students on campus with in-person learning for theory, lab, simulation and clinical. The school and health system understand the importance of providing a safe and healthy learning environment and wish to communicate our commitment and expectations that all students, faculty, teaching assistants, and staff will follow during the spring 2023 semester. These efforts are meant to protect you as an individual, as well as those around you. All students will be required to follow the most current COVID-19 guidelines established by the health system and school.

On-Campus Expectations

When on campus, all members of the school community will be required to follow the listed expectations below:

- Complete a self-assessment of COVID-like symptoms prior to leaving home and do not report to any school events if any of the following symptoms exist:

Temperature \geq 100 °F	Chills	Cough	Fatigue
Shortness of breath	Headache	Sore throat	Muscle aches
Congestion or runny nose	Vomiting	Diarrhea	New loss of taste or smell

*Refer to the COVID-19 Reporting section if any of the above symptoms are present.

- Utilize hand sanitizer when entering the classroom or lab, as well as upon exiting the room.
- Maintain social distancing when possible. Please do not move desks/chairs from their original location unless instructed to do so by school personnel.
- All fully vaccinated students, faculty, teaching assistants and staff will wear a surgical mask at all times when present on campus or when participating in any in-person school events. The only exception to this rule is that fully vaccinated students may remove their mask when sitting at their desk during lecture. Masks will be reapplied when out of the seat or if working in groups where social distancing is not maintained. Refer to the definition of “fully vaccinated” in the COVID-19 Vaccination section, as well as specific masking requirements while in the clinical environment under the Clinical section.
- All students, faculty, teaching assistants and staff that are not fully vaccinated must wear a surgical mask at all times when present on campus or when participating in any in-person school event, including lecture and while on breaks from class. Refer to the definition of “fully vaccinated” in the COVID-19 Vaccination section.
- Avoid touching the mask while wearing it. Ensure that it consistently covers both your nose and mouth.

School personnel will work closely with housekeeping to ensure all high touch areas and rooms are disinfected after use.

Simulation & Skills Lab

Simulation and lab experiences will be provided in small groups. Students will be expected to maintain all requirements mentioned in the On-Campus Expectations section of this addendum, as well as a few additional measures to prevent the spread of microorganisms within the simulation and lab environment:

- Students should social distance themselves when whenever possible.
- Students can play an active role in assisting with disinfecting the environment and should consult with the lab faculty/teaching assistant prior to utilizing cleansing products.
- When possible, individual supplies will be provided to each student and are not to be shared.
- Masks are to be worn at all times in the skills and simulation labs, regardless of vaccination status.

Clinical

Students will participate in learning experiences provided in the clinical setting. This may include one-on-one care of patients as well as observational experiences. Additional required measures to reduce the risk of transmission include:

- All students are required to be Fit Tested for an N95 respirator.
- All students must wear an N95 respirator, regardless of their COVID vaccination status, when delivering direct patient care or within 6 feet of a patient who is suspected or COVID positive and when participating in patient care that involves aerosolizing procedures.
- Students that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may wear either a surgical mask or an N95 respirator when in a clinical environment where patients have tested negative for COVID-19. The face covering must be worn at all times.
- Students that are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 must wear an N95 respirator during all clinical experiences.
- Do not come to clinical if you have COVID-like symptoms.
- Maintain individual student supplies in your scrub/lab coat pockets or within the school-issued clipboard.
- All students are expected to bring their N95 respirator to all clinicals in anticipation of caring for a variety of patients with different needs, including patients that are potentially or COVID-19 positive.

When attending clinical experiences at Firelands Regional Medical Center (main campus), all students are expected to enter the building through the main entrance or the Cancer Center, Tyler St. entrance. Students will be notified if these expectations change.

COVID-19 Vaccination

COVID-19 vaccination is required for all students, faculty, teaching assistants and staff; unless an exemption has been granted by the health system and other clinical facilities that require it. Full COVID vaccination status is achieved two weeks following the single dose J&J vaccine (or) two weeks after the second dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccination. Proof of vaccination or exemption approval must be on file with Brittany Lombardi, Health Program Coordinator. Students that are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will be required to wear a COVID-19 sticker on their health system issued student badge. Identification of COVID-19 vaccinated individuals is consistent with OSHA requirements/standards. Students that do not have a COVID-19 vaccine sticker will be required to follow all expectations established for nonvaccinated individuals. Students who are not fully vaccinated must follow the exemption expectations established by the Firelands team. Expectations are subject to change.

Face Covering

Acceptable facial covering requirements are discussed in the On-Campus Expectations and Clinical sections above. Cloth masks are prohibited. While wearing the mask, keep it in place at all times ensuring that it covers your nose and chin. Avoid touching the mask, but if this is necessary, please handle the mask on the sides near the ear straps and use hand sanitizer immediately after handling your mask.

Surgical masks and N95 respirators will be supplied by the school. Masks that are worn in the clinical setting should be reserved for clinical only and not worn in other environments. Surgical masks and N95 respirators will be multi-use per individual student. To ensure longevity of use and appropriate fit, all students are required to follow the facial hair expectations established by Firelands, no makeup should be worn under the mask/respirator and use should be reserved for school related functions only. Replacement masks and

respirators may be requested from Amy Rockwell, Manager if visibly soiled or torn. Brown paper bags will also be provided for storing your surgical mask or N95 respirator between use. Students are expected to be good stewards of PPE use during this time and ensure measures to safeguard PPE distributed by the school of nursing. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the appropriate mask/respirator usage and to have such protection readily available for all school events. Students that arrive to a school event without the appropriate mask or respirator may be sent home. If a student is sent home from class due to forgetting their mask/respirator, the student may return to class with their mask/respirator but will be required to wait until a break to return into the classroom. Students that are sent home from lab, simulation, or clinical due to forgetting their mask will follow the Student Accountability Flow Chart. Please be proactive in notifying Amy Rockwell, Manager if a mask/respirator replacement is needed.

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COVID-19 Reporting

The Attendance Policy and Student Accountability Flow Chart will be consistently enforced; however, exceptions will be made for confirmed COVID-19 positive students only. -The entire school community must do their part to prevent the spread of germs. All students, faculty, teaching assistants, and staff should closely monitor their own health and stay home when COVID-19 or other communicably transmitted symptoms are present. Students will not be penalized for absences associated with confirmed COVID-19 and alternative delivery methods or rescheduling of missed course requirements will occur. Accommodations will only be implemented for confirmed COVID-19 positive students; therefore, reporting and testing should be completed in a timely manner. Exceptions will not be made for students with family related COVID-19 concerns. Home testing results will not be accepted.

Dawn Wikel, Director is the designated contact if you develop COVID-related symptoms or are exposed to a COVID-19 positive individual. Individuals that develop COVID-like symptoms or experience a potential exposure should communicate with Dawn in a timely manner. Additionally, all students that will be absent or tardy, regardless of the reason, must follow the Student Accountability Flow Chart and notify the Administrative Assistant prior to the scheduled start time.

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I would also encourage each student to develop a plan if assistance is needed should COVID-19 symptoms develop while on campus to ensure safety during travel home or to seek assistance from your healthcare provider.

Coping and Resiliency

The wellbeing of each student is very important to us. Suggestions for maintaining mental wellness include, but are not limited to:

- Avoid information overload; take time away from the news, social media, etc.
- Practice a variety of self-care measures (eat healthy, exercise, sleep, participate in enjoyable activities, etc.)

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- Talk with someone you trust when you are feeling stressed or overwhelmed. Firelands Health provides a 24-hour hotline for healthcare providers and students that are having difficulty coping. You are encouraged to call 567-867-HERO (4376) as needed.