

## Student & Learner Placements during COVID-19

### Principles for Student and Learner Placements during the COVID-19 response

Student and learner placements are a core piece of NSHA's commitment to the education and training of the future health care workforce. Please read Nova Scotia Health's [Principles for Student Learner Placements during COVID-19 Response](#) which provides additional guidance.

### Learner Information & Responsibilities

Nova Scotia Health requires all students/learners to wear a nonmedical mask upon entering any hospitals or other health care facilities. If your placement is in a clinical area, you will be given a medical mask once you arrive in that area.

All students/learners should actively monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 on a daily basis using the [NSHA Active Monitoring Tool for Healthcare Workers](#).

Students/learners should also monitor NS Health's notices for potential exposure sites and follow the related Public Health advice here: [Potential COVID Exposures](#)

In some Nova Scotia Health facilities you may be screened for COVID-19 risk factors and your temperature will be taken.

Nova Scotia Health has [Guidelines for Gatherings within Nova Scotia Health Facilities](#) that must be followed by all team members, including students/learners.

### Personal Protective Equipment Education for Students & Learners

Review the following documents/videos prior to beginning your placement at Nova Scotia Health and print and complete the checklist on page three. Please keep the completed checklist with you during your placement.

- a) [PPE Message to Physicians and Staff - Masking Guidelines](#)
- b) [Healthcare Worker Masking FAQs](#)
- c) [Donning, Doffing and Storage of Healthcare Worker Procedure Masks](#)
- d) [PPE Donning/Doffing Instructions: Droplet/Contact Precautions \(Video\)](#)

Note: this video was created before NSHA implemented universal masking on April 7, but other than this step, the principles and process are the same.

- e) [Guide to Putting on PPE: Droplet and Contact Precautions](#)
- f) [Guide to Removing PPE: Droplet and Contact Precautions](#)
- g) [Do's & Don'ts: Gloves](#)
- h) [Do's & Don'ts: Gowns](#)
- i) [Do's & Don'ts: Masks & Face Protections](#)
- j) [Do's & Don'ts: N95 Respirator](#)

Note: students and learners who are not fit tested will not provide care in situations where N95 respirators are required, however this is useful information to review.

k) [Spot the Trouble - PPE - Complete Video Series](#)

**Additional resources**

- NSHA's [COVID-19 Hub](#) is an up-to-date online resource for employees, physicians, students/learners and education partners to access clinical information to guide the COVID-19 response.
- The following NSHA Orientation Modules can be accessed on the [NSHA eLearning Catalogue Site](#) (Internet Explorer is recommended and Flash Player is required to view these modules):
  - Infection Prevention and Control - Hand Hygiene
  - General Orientation for Infection Prevention and Control (Hand Hygiene is a pre-requisite)

## Student and Learner Placement PPE Orientation Checklist

All Students/Learners/Clinical Instructors participating in learning placements at NSHA must complete this checklist and keep it with them during their placement at NSHA.

Last name:	First name:
Placing Agency:	Program:
Student/Learner: <input type="checkbox"/>	Clinical Instructor: <input type="checkbox"/>
Program start date:	Program end date:

Student and Learner Placement PPE Orientation Checklist	Date Completed (YYYY/MM/DD)
PPE Message to Physicians and Staff – Masking Guidelines	
Healthcare Worker Masking FAQs	
Donning/Doffing/Storage of Healthcare Worker Procedure Mask	
PPE Donning/Doffing Instructions: Droplet/Contact Precautions (video)	
Guide to Putting on PPE: Droplet and Contact Precautions	
Guide to Removing PPE: Droplet and Contact Precautions	
Do's and Don'ts: Gloves	
Do's and Don'ts: Gowns	
Do's and Don'ts: Masks and Face Protections	
Do's and Don'ts: N95 Respirator	
Spot the Trouble – PPE – Complete Video Series	

**I agree that by completing the checklist and signing this form I have completed the mandatory PPE orientation training in preparation for my placement. In addition, I am aware that the health authority and placement site/location may have specific policies and additional information that I must review and understand prior to commencing placement activities.**

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**Students/Learners/Clinical Instructors Signature**

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**Date**