

12.03 - Letter for Students with Clinical Experiences at OU Medicine

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Welcome to OU Medicine!

We are excited to have you on the OU Medicine campus. We are a unique health system consisting of three acute care hospitals, an ambulatory surgery center, and multiple outpatient locations. We know that while you are completing your education, you will have an exceptional clinical experience here.

In light of COVID-19, we have altered many processes within OU Medicine. Please take the time to review the requirements for any one working or learning within the walls of OU Medicine.

Student Expectations while in the Hospitals:

While within the facilities, students may review the COVID-19 Portal located on the OUM Intranet for the most recent policies regarding masking guidance, and other facility specific information related to COVID-19.

Masking Guidelines

It is our responsibility to use all means at our disposal to prevent the spread of COVID-19. **This expectation includes wearing a mask while in any of the facilities and on the shuttles** not just during procedures or direct patient care. The mask must cover your nose and mouth at all times. If you have questions about masking, speak with your Program Director.

Health Monitoring

It is critical as healthcare providers that we are feeling our best when caring for the patients we serve. Now more than ever it is imperative that if you are not feeling well, please contact your Program Director to determine your school's policy for health monitoring and attendance.

Visitation Policy

OU Medicine has changed the visitation policy for our campuses. At this time, adult patients are not allowed to have visitors when attending appointments, procedures, or during an admission. Special consideration applies to pediatric patients, which allows one adult over the age of 18 to accompany the child. Exceptions to the policy are by the approval of the administrator on-call. Due to the changes in our policy, you will see many forms of virtual connectivity while in the clinical setting: virtual care conferences with families, use of the EASE application, virtual consults, etc.

Social Distancing

- Elevators

To promote social distancing, OU Medicine is limiting the number of people in an elevator (except for emergency patient transport) to 4 people.

- Cafeteria/Food Delivery

The cafeterias remain open at all hospitals; however, we have limited the seating options available to ensure the practice of social distancing. Please utilize other areas during your lunch breaks and be mindful of congregating in department break rooms

If you choose to order food and have it delivered to the hospital, you must pick the food up outside of the hospital. Delivery services are not granted access to the hospital, per our visitation policy

- Use of Virtual Platforms

As you know from your spring semester of school, the use of virtual platforms for learning/meetings is the new normal. OU Medicine has free Wi-Fi available to assist in attending virtual sessions. Please ensure your laptop works appropriately on campus.

If you have any questions related to the above topics, please see your Program Director.

Again, we look forward to having you on the OU Medicine Campus.