

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**

SUBJECT: Medical Student Involvement in Care of Patients with Known or Suspected Covid-19 Policy

I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

To ensure that students in the University of Houston College of Medicine balance their need to be involved in the care of patients with many medical conditions with the need to minimize their risk of exposure to Covid-19.

II. BACKGROUND

All students enrolled in the UH College of Medicine are actively involved in direct patient care activities as required components of the medical education program:

- A. Pre-clerkship-phase students participate in the Longitudinal Primary Care (LPC) course, an entirely ambulatory experience
- B. Core Clerkship-phase students participate in LPC and in the Longitudinal Integrated Clerkship (LIC), with both ambulatory and hospital-based experiences
- C. Advanced Clerkship-phase students participate in a variety of experiences, encompassing ambulatory and hospital-based patient care as well as continue with the LPC course.

III. POLICY

- A. Pre-clerkship-phase students participating in the LPC course may not be involved in the care of known or suspected Covid-19 patients.
- B. Core Clerkship and Advanced Clerkship-phase students may participate in the care of known or suspected Covid-19 patients under the supervision of their designated attending physician.
- C. Any UH College of Medicine student may choose not to participate in the care of a patient with Covid-19 by notifying the attending physician without negative consequence.
- D. All students enrolled in the UH College of Medicine are strongly encouraged to get fully vaccinated against Covid-19 in concordance with the most up-to-date CDC and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidance. Students will be required to meet the immunization requirements of the healthcare organization (hospital, clinic, etc) to which they are assigned.
- E. All UH College of Medicine students must utilize recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in all clinic settings, following the most up-to-date CDC guidance and the policy of the healthcare organization (hospital, clinic, etc) at which the student is currently working.

IV. MONITORING OF THIS POLICY

- A. Compliance with this policy is the responsibility of the LPC Course Director, LIC Director and the Directors of Advanced Clerkships and Electives

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