



Catholic Health Guidelines for Students

Catholic Health remains vigilant to the values of excellence while providing safe quality care during still unprecedented times. It is recommended that all students review the Catholic Health Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates at (<https://www.chsbuffalo.org/>) and Center of Disease Control websites (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control.html>) for information relative to COVID-19 regularly. Valuable information can be found in the attached Acute Care Handbook for COVID-19 and Covid 19-outpatient guidelines can be saved as a reference tool.

In conjunction with the CDC guidelines, Catholic Health provides mandatory screening for all personnel that enter the facilities. This includes temperature reading & COVID screening questions. Procedural masks will be provided with instruction on proper placement and usage. According to the CDC the use of eye protection is recommended in areas with moderate to substantial community transmission. For areas with minimal to no community transmission, eye protection is considered optional, unless otherwise indicated as part of standard precautions. Any person that does not pass the screening process will not be allowed to enter the building.

We ask that students adhere to safe social distancing practices, good hand hygiene policies and wear procedural masks properly at all times while on campus according to the CDC guidelines. Patients are asked to wear masks & eye protection in the facility during care & transfers throughout the building. It is recommended that staff request patients to place their mask over their nose and mouth, if able prior to providing direct care to limit exposure even if they are not identified as risk patients.

If a student or faculty become exposed to COVID 19 adhere to the Catholic Health's policies and procedures for reporting and follow all the Department of Health's recommendations for testing & quarantining.

Catholic Health will do our best to ensure safe practices are followed to keep students from COVID-19 exposure. However, it is not without risk that students may come in contact with the virus during asymptomatic transfer. Catholic Health's Infection Control Team is diligently monitoring and reporting as commissioned by the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Students will not be asked to participate in care of *identified* COVID-19 patients without properly being fit tested for N95 masks according to the Respiratory Protection Program.