Phase IV

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COVID-19 Management Policy for
Clinical Year Students/Staff/Faculty
Useful Links


Returning to Work on Campus: [https://hr.okstate.edu/campus-return-guidance.html](https://hr.okstate.edu/campus-return-guidance.html)

Vaccination portal: [https://uhs.okstate.edu/vaccine-info.html](https://uhs.okstate.edu/vaccine-info.html)

Testing Sites in and Around Stillwater: [https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html](https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html)


COVID-19 Responsibilities

Current Standards Expected of All Students, Staff and Faculty within the Veterinary Teaching Hospital (VTH) and Academic Center (AC)

I. **Vaccination:** vaccination against COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to protect the community and to minimize the chance of self-quarantine for yourself and others you have exposed to the virus.
   a. For the health of the community: please remember there are individuals who cannot safely receive the vaccination due to health conditions. These individuals rely on the concern of others, demonstrated by willingness to be vaccinated, to help protect them.
   b. For students, missing a week or more of a rotation will require you to make-up that week over a vacation rotation or at the end of the year, delaying completion of your degree requirements. Should the latter occur, you will not receive your diploma until August. In most states you will be able to practice under the supervision of another licensed veterinarian on the premises until your diploma is received.

II. **Mitigation protocols:**
   a. All faculty, staff and students in the Boren Veterinary Teaching Hospital are required to wear a mask when performing services in the hospital. Exceptions include when an employee is alone in a room, eating/drinking, or 6-feet away from anyone else and/or separated by a physical barrier. Masks are required when interacting with a client even if they are 6-feet away or separated by a barrier. **All visitors are required to wear a mask in the hospital.** If they do not have a mask, the hospital will provide them one. If you have a medical concern for wearing a mask, please contact:
      i. Faculty, staff, house officers: Carey Warner [carey.warner@okstate.edu](mailto:carey.warner@okstate.edu)
      ii. Students: Student Accessibility Services [https://accessibility.okstate.edu](https://accessibility.okstate.edu)
b. Always maintain simple hygiene protocols:
   i. Wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.
   ii. Avoid touching your face.
   iii. Refrain from shaking hands.
   iv. Never sneeze or cough into your hand – use arm, disposable tissue, etc.
   v. Avoid shared food that is not individually wrapped, particularly food that is eaten by hand.

c. Stay home and contact the appropriate individual (below) if you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Get tested as soon as possible and report the results to the appropriate individual (below).
   i. Students contact your rotation faculty member and Dr. Gilmour. Report test results to Dr. Gilmour, ADAA (margi.gilmour@okstate.edu).
   ii. Faculty and house officers, report test results to Dr. Burba, Department Head (dburba@okstate.edu). House officers, contact your rotation faculty member regarding illness.
   iii. Staff, contact and report results to your supervisor. VTH supervisors, report test results to Nancy Allen (nancy.allen@okstate.edu).

d. Regardless of vaccination status, if you have had effective contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, follow the Return to Work Guidelines (link above)
   i. Asymptomatic AND fully vaccinated:
      1. Get tested 3-5 days from your last contact.
      2. Wear a mask in public, indoor settings for 14 days or until a negative test result.
      3. If you become symptomatic, STAY HOME.
   ii. Asymptomatic AND are NOT fully vaccinated AND have NOT had COVID-19 within the past 3 months:
      1. You are required to self-quarantine for 10 days from last contact, or 7 days from last contact if you have a negative test five days or later from last contact. (Note: testing before 5 days may be too soon to detect infection so is not useful).
      2. If you become symptomatic, STAY HOME.

*Fully vaccinated is defined as 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series (e.g. Pfizer or Moderna vaccines), or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine (e.g. Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen vaccine).

Meetings in the Veterinary Teaching Hospital or Academic Center

Grand Rounds, House Officer Seminar and meetings will remain in-person.

Service Protocols for Patients, Clients and Referring Veterinarians

Normal business operations remain in effect. Clients will be allowed in the building. All visitors are required to wear a mask in the hospital. We will continue to provide masks for clients who do not have one, and hand sanitizer for clients who wish to use it. DO NOT ask team members or visitors their vaccination status as this is against OSU policy.