Phase IV

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

**Return to Work/School Guidelines:** [https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html](https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html) Click on the link for the most current document.

**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)


**CVM COVID-19 Positive Case Reports:** [https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html](https://vetmed.okstate.edu/covid-19.html)

**COVID-19 Responsibilities**

We are very fortunate to have low COVID-19 positive cases currently reported in Payne County, Stillwater and Oklahoma. However, please keep in mind that COVID-19 still exists. Below are recommended guidelines and requirements to follow.

**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. 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).
   b. If you are NOT fully vaccinated* and have had effective contact with a COVID-19 positive individual, do not come in to work and contact the appropriate individual (see above).
      i. Follow the Return to Work/School Guidelines under Situation II.
      ii. Plan to get COVID-19 tested approximately 5 days following last exposure to the positive individual and report results to the appropriate individual (see above) as soon as the test results are received.
   c. Maintain hand hygiene protocols.
   d. Avoid shared food that is not individually wrapped, particularly food that is eaten by hand.

*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 can return to in-person.

Service Protocols for Patients, Clients and Referring Veterinarians
Business operations will return to normal, effective June 1, 2021. Clients will be allowed in the building and will be served equally regardless of their choice to wear or not to wear a facial covering, as prior to March, 2020. We will continue to provide masks and hand sanitizer for those clients who wish to use them. We will not ask team members or visitors their vaccination status as this is against OSU policy.