Student Protocol for Return to Pre-Clerkship Curriculum during the COVID-19 Global Pandemic

The protocol below is guided by LCME and our own competency-based objectives:

LCME Standard 12.8 Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

A medical school has policies in place that effectively address medical student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, including the following:

- The education of medical students about methods of prevention
- The procedures for care and treatment after exposure, including a definition of financial responsibility
- The effects of infectious and environmental disease or disability on medical student learning activities

All registered medical students (including visiting students) are informed of these policies before undertaking any educational activities that would place them at risk.

MCG CBO: 6.2 - Identify patient safety and health problems, improve the care processes for patients, and contribute to safe, high quality health care.
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We will assure that the following will be completed before students can start orientation and return to medical school on the Augusta campus:

1. We are ready to provide PPE for students in the clinical skills setting.
2. Beginning 10 days prior to the beginning of orientation, self-monitor using the checklist below:
   - Do you have new diffuse muscle aches not related to another medical condition or another specific activity (e.g. due to physical exercise)? (If so, take temperature)
   - Do you feel like you may have a temperature of greater than 100.0°F? (If so, take temperature)
   - Do you have sore throat not related to another medical condition (e.g. allergies)?
   - Do you have a new or worsening cough that is not related to another medical condition?
   - Do you have shortness of breath that is not attributable to another medical condition?
   - Do you have recent (<5 days) loss of smell and taste?
   - Do you have new onset of vomiting or diarrhea not related to another medical condition?
3. Notify student health if you have positive symptoms: Student Health Services: M-F 8-5, call first, 706-721-3448
4. If you are returning from international travel you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days.
5. Review COVID-19 Preparedness information at: https://www.augusta.edu/welcome-back/
   Pay specific attention to:
   a) Mask and PPE guidelines
   b) Testing criteria
   c) Key components of COVID-19 Strategy
   d) Travel Policy and Requirements
   e) Watch Donning and Doffing videos
6. Steps to take in case of an exposure or illness

Stay home if:
1. You are sick (especially if with fever greater or equal to 100.0 F or a cough or shortness of breath, or URI symptoms)
2. If exposed to a known COVID-19 case, stay home and seek appropriate antigen testing
3. You have been antigen tested for COVID-19. Stay home until test is negative, or

- Stay home until 10 days after the positive test, fever-free for at least 3 days, and significantly decreased symptoms
- If it is a medical emergency, go to the Emergency Room or call 911.
- Notify Student Affairs about your situation by contacting your class dean
- Masks will be worn in all small group and large group settings in the classroom, clinical skills center, laboratories, and small group rooms.
- If a prolonged masked encounter occurs, COVID-19 testing could be warranted. Prolonged exposure involving persons each wearing masks is defined as: “an exposure that occurs indoors within 3 feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and lasts for 3 hours or more.”
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, or have COVID-19 related questions, contact Dr. Rodger MacArthur, Professor of Medicine: Infectious Disease at 734-516-0204.

7. To request an exemption or health accommodation for medical school, contact the Office of Student and Multicultural Affairs and Testing and Disability Services (https://www.augusta.edu/tds/) if you meet any of these criteria:
   • Personally immunocompromised or have underlying conditions that put you at greater risk for COVID-19 as defined by CDC guidelines
   • Pregnant
   • Household member who is immunocompromised, or
   • If you have other concerns about your safety

❖ You may also choose to take Leave of Absence
8. See below for links to Health & Wellness Resources

**Health & Wellness**

[Report COVID-19 Exposure](#)

**Student Health Services:** M-F 8-5, call first, 706-721-3448

**24/7 Telehealth**

**MCG Wellness Instagram**

**Student Counseling and Psychological Services:** 706-727-1471

GA Crisis Line: 1-800-715-4225

**Financial Aid:** 706-737-1524 or email Erica Key at [erkey@augusta.edu](mailto:erkey@augusta.edu)

**Testing & Disability Services** or 706-737-1469

**Residence Life** or [residencelife@augusta.edu](mailto:residencelife@augusta.edu)

MCG COVID-19 Student Policy and Exposure
[https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/academic-affairs/covid_student_policy.php](https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/academic-affairs/covid_student_policy.php)

9. In One45, complete the attestation below that you have reviewed the information and documents and understand the risks associated with being on campus.
[ ] I understand the protocol outlined above and reviewed the training material. I will have completed the symptom checklist protocol. I understand the risks associated with obtaining clinical skills and attending class in the current COVID-19 pandemic and will take necessary precautions and follow prescribed protocols to prevent the spread of the infection. I understand that for medical or personal reasons I can ask to delay return to medical school (for example taking a leave of absence). I understand that some of these options may result in a delay in completion of program requirements and graduation.

Name: __________________________________________

Signature: _______________________________________

Date: __________________________________________