**Malone University**

**Covid-19 Policy and Consent to return to MSN clinical**

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness (CDC, 2020).

**MSN Clinical Policy:**

1. Students must wear a facemask at all clinical sites
2. Students must take temperature before leaving home. The CDC defines a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. If fever is noted, do not report to clinical site and contact your advisor and preceptor. CDC guidelines will be followed for your return to clinical.
3. Students must adhere to all facility policies and protocols
4. Take all measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19

**Take every day preventative steps (CDC, 2020)**

* Wash your hands frequently.
* Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
* Stay home when you are sick.
* Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
* [Clean and disinfect](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cleaning-disinfection.html) frequently touched objects and surfaces.
* Be prepared if your child’s school or childcare facility is temporarily dismissed or for potential changes at your workplace.

**Watch for symptoms (CDC, 2020)**

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

Symptoms may appear **2-14 days after exposure** **to the virus.** People with these symptoms or combinations of symptoms may have COVID-19:

* Cough
* Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

*Or at least two of these symptoms:*

* Fever
* Chills
* Repeated shaking with chills
* Muscle pain
* Headache
* Sore throat
* New loss of taste or smell

[Children](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/children.html#Children) have similar symptoms to adults and generally have mild illness.

This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

\*Reference: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). Retrieved 5/6/20 from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

**CONSENT FORM**

If you are considered high risk, it is recommended that you **DO NOT** return to clinical practice at this time.

If you feel uneasy about returning to clinical, you may take an incomplete for MSNA/F 687. You should contact the Clinical Coordinator and MSN Director to develop a plan for resuming clinical experiences in the future.

Please check the appropriate box and sign this consent form.

⃣ I **will** return to clinical experiences.

I understand all risks associated with returning to clinical regarding Covid-19 exposure. I will adhere to the policies of each clinical agency and Malone University.

⃣ I **Will Not** be returning to clinical experiences at this time. I will contact the Clinical Coordinator and the MSN Director to coordinate a plan for future clinical experiences.

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Print Student Name