



MSUCOM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO COVID-19 IN THE CLERKSHIP CURRICULUM UPDATED MAY 10, 2022

This update reflects current operations for the College of Osteopathic Medicine for Summer Semester 2022, reflecting university, state, and CDC guidelines.

COVID-19 VACCINES AND BOOSTERS

In fall 2021, MSU announced a requirement for a primary vaccination series against COVID-19. In December 2021, MSU announced that boosters against COVID-19 would be required for all eligible students, faculty, and staff, beginning in spring semester 2022. Specific details:

- Eligibility for booster dose: Those who completed a two-dose series of the Pfizer vaccine at least 5 months prior, or a two-dose series of the Moderna vaccine at least 6 months ago, or a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at least 2 months ago are considered eligible for a COVID-19 booster and are expected to receive one as soon as they are eligible.
- Further information and a link to access the vaccine verification form can be accessed at <https://msu.edu/together-we-will/covid19-vaccine/>.
- Information on requesting an exemption to COVID-19 vaccination may be found at <https://msu.edu/together-we-will/covid19-vaccine/exemptions.html>.
 - Effective May 2022, students, faculty, and staff who have an approved exemption will no longer be required to participate in the Early Detection (Spartan Spit) program.
 - Students, faculty, and staff who do not receive a booster vaccination when they are eligible will be considered out of compliance with the university policy.
 - Due to the need to verify and endorse student vaccination status to clinical sites, MSUCOM may require submission of vaccination and booster information and copies of vaccination cards separately and in addition to the university processes. In this event, students will be expected to comply with both submission requests.

COVID-19 TESTING AND REPORTING

Effective May 2022, MSU is discontinuing its Early Detection (Spartan Spit) Program, as well as on-campus COVID-19 testing separate from its clinical operations.

Information on how to locate COVID-19 testing and other data may be found on the MSU [Together We Will website](#).

CLERKSHIP STUDENT PROTOCOLS (OMS-III AND OMS-IV)

Screening for symptoms

Clerkship students are to submit a daily online screening form. Each student receives the individual link daily to their msu.edu email. The survey must be completed prior to work each day and by 11:59pm on non-workdays.

Screening for symptoms

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- At least one of the following:
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Cough
 - A fever (Fever is temperature 100.4 or felt feverish)
 - Loss of taste or smell
- Two or more of the following:
 - Chills
 - Muscle Aches
 - Headaches
 - Sore Throat
 - Worsening congestion or runny nose
 - Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea

If you have a positive screen for symptoms on the form:

- Seek COVID-19 PCR testing as soon as possible. For significant and/or worsening symptoms, seek medical attention.
- Isolate from others while awaiting testing
- You will have communication from Dr. Enright within 12 hours of your screen. Please feel free to email any questions to enright4@msu.edu.
 - Communication
 - Dr. Enright will communicate any requirement to self-isolate to the student's rotation site medical education office (student coordinator and Director of Medical Education). The student will be cc'd on this communication.
 - Dr. Enright will communicate any requirement to self-isolate to the appropriate MSUCOM department(s) for additional online (virtual) content for continued progress on the rotation. The student will be cc'd on this communication and should expect a separate email from the Course Assistant listed on the syllabus providing online content/information. If the student does not receive that information, please contact the Course Assistant. Provided the virtual content is completed satisfactorily, there will not be a need to reschedule any missed time on the rotation. If at any time the student does not feel well enough to complete the material, the student should notify Dr Enright.
 - Student communication-

- The student will communicate any isolation absence to rotation team members, including the attending physician.
 - Provide COVID-19 PCR testing results to Dr. Enright. A positive result will require further action.
 - The student will provide an account of symptoms, including temperature to Dr Enright during isolation and prior to resuming clinical duties.
- Return to rotations when students have a negative COVID-19 PCR test include improvement in symptoms and afebrile for 24 hours or more.
 - Dr. Enright will communicate readiness for return to the rotation site prior to student return to clinical duties.

**If the rotation site has a stricter procedure for medical students, the student and MSUCOM will adhere to the rotation site procedure.

COVID-19 Diagnosis

A report of a COVID-19 diagnosis (PCR or antigen) requires the student to isolate and report positive test to Dr Enright via the MSUCOM Clerkship Daily COVID Screen or enright4@msu.edu. Isolation time for a student who tests positive will be 5 days.

- Asymptomatic or symptoms resolving at isolation day 5 (without fever) may be able to return to clinical duties with a mask for an additional 5 days
- Symptomatic or worsening symptoms or fever at day 5 will result in an additional days of isolation until symptoms resolving, including no fever for >24 hours. Upon return, the student will be required to mask for a total of 10 days from diagnosis or symptom onset, whichever occurred first.

Communication

- Dr. Enright will communicate both the requirement for isolation and return to clinical duties to the rotation site
- Dr. Enright will communicate the requirement for isolation to the appropriate MSUCOM department to provide online (virtual) rotation content.
- The student will notify the rotation team, including attending physician, of the need for isolation.
- The student will notify the MSU COVID-19 Triage Line at 855-958-2678.

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COVID-19 Exposure (work or household/social exposure)

An exposure includes someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period without appropriate PPE. Caring for a patient diagnosed with COVID-19 while using appropriate PPE (N95 mask, protective eyewear, gown, gloves) is not considered an exposure.

- Exposures must be reported to the MSUCOM Clerkship Daily COVID Screen or enright4@msu.edu. Dr. Enright will contact the student within 12 hours of the exposure report.

- All exposures will require a COVID-19 PCR test at day 5-7 from the last day of the exposure. Test results must be reported to Dr. Enright (enright4@msu.edu).
- An exposure quarantine (no clinical work) will be required for the following students, even if asymptomatic.
 - Unvaccinated students
 - Students beyond 5 months of the primary Pfizer series without a booster
 - Students beyond 6 months of the primary Moderna series without a booster
 - Students beyond 2 months of the J&J vaccine without a booster
 - Students that received a booster less than 14 days prior to exposure
 - Communication
 - Dr. Enright will communicate the need for quarantine to the rotation site
 - Dr. Enright will communicate the need for quarantine to the MSUCOM Department that will provide online (virtual) rotation content.
 - The student will communicate the need for quarantine to the rotation team, including the attending physician.
- All students will carefully monitor for symptoms and report any symptoms to MSUCOM Clerkship Daily COVID Screen or enright4@msu.edu.

**If the rotation site has a stricter procedure for medical students, the student and MSUCOM will adhere to the rotation site procedure.

Clinical site protocols

Each rotation site may have specific policies or procedures relating to COVID-19. As an MSUCOM at these sites, you are expected to follow all site-specific protocols, as well as the MSU mask and vaccine mandates.

Travel

Domestic Travel:

While traveling within the United States, please continue to use measures that help to limit the spread of COVID-19; e.g., masks, hand hygiene, avoiding crowds, etc. There are no requirements to quarantine on return from travel, but you are expected to monitor for symptoms as outlined above.

Per the CDC guidelines, anyone who is unvaccinated should obtain a PCR test on day 3-5 after return from any travel. Vaccinated individuals should monitor for symptoms for 10 days.

International Travel:

Anyone traveling internationally is also advised to continue measures to limit the spread as described above. For international travel, per the CDC guidelines, students regardless of vaccination status, should obtain a PCR test on day 3-5 after return. Students are asked to report any upcoming or recently completed travel on the Daily COVID Screen. Dr. Pfothenauer then sends an email to the student with instructions on when to test. Student return date, country of travel, and projected testing dates are recorded and reviewed regularly by Dr. Pfothenauer.

Once students return from travel, if they are fully vaccinated and boosted per MSU protocol, they are permitted to return to their scheduled rotation as long as they are asymptomatic. They may return prior to the day 3-5 PCR test if those criteria are met. If they become symptomatic, they report symptoms to Dr. Enright and are advised to obtain a PCR test per symptomatic protocols. If their follow up PCR test is positive, it is also reported to Dr. Enright. They report their negative test to Dr. Pfothauer. They are also advised to monitor closely for symptoms for up to 10 days after travel, even with a negative test.

For students who are unvaccinated, they are advised not to travel. If they do travel, they must quarantine for 5 days and get a negative PCR test on day 3-5 after return before resuming rotations.

For current information on MSU and non-MSU related international travel, please see the MSU [Together We Will](#) website. Another helpful resource is the [Sherpa](#) app, which shows current COVID-19 related travel restrictions and requirements by country.