Still no clinicals for students

As of Tuesday, March 17, 2020, Prisma Health suspended clinical student experiences in our clinical learning environment (CLE) until further notice.

This restriction includes all student experiences in the Prisma Health CLE (for-credit and not-for-credit).

As always, we will work with universities and students in the future to support their educational experiences. We will continue to keep all members of the Prisma Health academic community informed throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and we thank you for your commitment to our patients and our community as a whole.
COVID-19 Volunteer Logistics

COVID-19 VOLUNTEER PROCESS
Over the past week, we have finalized COVID-19 volunteer process. Please review the details below. If you’ve already submitted your application, we’ll be in touch soon. Those individuals who have already been previously cleared by Prisma Health will be first contacted.

1. **Prisma Health departments: Submit your request for volunteers:** [Request to Receive COVID-19 Volunteers](#)
2. **Individuals sign-up to become volunteers:** [COVID-19 Request to Volunteer Form](#)
3. **Student Affairs confirms volunteers' current clearance status:** At this time, we will only accept volunteers who have current clearance through Prisma Health (i.e., student, team member, etc.)
4. **Volunteer match through HR and staffing pool:** Volunteer’s name and information will be sent to the staffing pool, and volunteers are matched.
5. **Student is contacted by Prisma Health staffing pool for days and hours.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Volunteers will not be in direct patient care. As staffing needs evolve, individuals who are licensed or certified in certain areas may be hired PRN. That will be the call of Human Resources and staffing pool. We (Academics) are connected to the WHOLE Prisma Health COVID-19 volunteer process (Upstate and Midlands) in alignment with HR and staffing pool. So rest assured the submissions are reaching the larger incident command who is identifying the COVID-19 needs.

For more information on assumptions of risk and liability, please see: [COVID-19 Volunteer Release of Liability, Waiver of Legal Rights and Assumption of Risk](#).

For any questions about the COVID-19 volunteer process, please contact Christen Hairston, Ph.D., Executive Director, Student Affairs Administration, Prisma Health at [christen.hairston@prismahealth.org](mailto:christen.hairston@prismahealth.org).
Prisma Health is reaching out for assistance in acquiring personal protective equipment (PPE) for our health care providers and patients.

We are in need of the following items:

- Faceshields
- N-95 or higher masks
- Reusable or disposable isolation gowns
- Any type surgical masks
- Any type infrared temperature devices they have been calibrated for humans

On behalf of our communities, we appreciate any assistance you can provide.

To donate:
Berri Heinz is Prisma Health’s incident command’s centralized contact for receiving all PPE donations for Prisma Health.

The address for drop-off is:
Prisma Health Materials Distribution Center
1071 Holland Rd.
Simpsonville, SC 29681

If you have any questions about PPE donations, feel free to reach out to Christen Hairston, Ph.D. at christen.hairston@prismahealth.org or specifically for drop off, please email Berri Heinz at berri.heinz@prismahealth.org.
Drive-through COVID-19 testing now seven days per week in Columbia and Greenville

As of Saturday, March 21:

- The Columbia site will now operate 9 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days per week. The Columbia site is outside Prisma Health Richland Hospital North Portal, near the Emergency Department.
- The Greenville site will now operate 9 a.m.-6 p.m., seven days per week. The Greenville site is on Prisma Health Greenville Memorial campus on the lower level of the South Parking Deck.

Visitor restrictions

Prisma Health recently joined other hospitals and health systems across South Carolina in implementing further hospital, emergency department and outpatient visitation restrictions.

Current visitor restrictions at Prisma Health:

- Visitors are no longer allowed in our hospitals
- This includes the emergency department, procedure areas, and inpatient areas

Taking into account the circumstances that exist with some of our patients, one (1) visitor per patient will be allowed for the following:

- Pediatrics patients
- Obstetrics patients
- Intensive Care Nursery patients
• End of life events (not all ICU patients qualify for an exception)

Children less than 18 years of age will not be approved as visitors, and there will be no visitors for patients suspected of or who have tested positive for COVID-19. In the event a COVID-19 patient becomes an end-of-life event, a visitor may be allowed at the physician’s discretion.

Visitation policy applies to ALL
Team members, contractors, student learners, etc. should not use their badges to enter the building unless they’re reporting for work. Visitor restrictions apply to all. You cannot use your badge to enter the building and visit a patient.

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GME updates

Update on educational content from Renee Connolly, Ph.D., Director of Education Development, Graduate Medical Education (GME)

A few items to note as program leaders make decisions about delivering necessary content for learners at all levels:

• **Instructional Services** in the Midlands and Upstate are working hard to begin – or continue – web-based conferences from a central location. View helpful resources for supporting your work below:
  o Hospitals
    ▪ Midlands: [Phil Gregory](#), 803-434-2343
    ▪ Upstate: [Bruce Cantrell](#), 864-455-6132
  o Schools of Medicine:
    ▪ [Stephen Harris](#), 803-403-4490
    ▪ [Shaun Riffle](#), 803-528-8177
    ▪ [Gene Palmer](#), 803-391-9236
• **Schedules for Grand Rounds** will be shared via this communication, when available, in the spirit of collaboration and shared resources. With distance delivery options like Livestream and Skype, there are multiple ways to collaborate for shared
content so efforts are not duplicated and training may continue. It could be helpful to your department to view the great work going on in another program.

- Please use Google Chrome when viewing Livestream events, as it appears to be the most stable at this point. Often, mobile devices create a stable platform as well.

- CME Credit is still available via live viewing/attendance when possible, but progress has been made in providing CME credit to view taped events. Contacts for specific questions may be directed to:
  - Midlands: Adrienne Ross
  - Upstate: Shannon Cook and Rachel Andes

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**Internal Medicine will be holding Grand Rounds on Friday, March 27, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m. via Skype.**

Please click the button below for more information.

[Internal Medicine Virtual Grand Rounds](#)

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**Library closed, your access remains open**

**UPSTATE**
Prisma Health Upstate Library
GMH Library staff are now working remotely, however, students are still able to access the team via email, phone (864-455-7176) or the [digital access library](#).

**MIDLANDS**
Josey Library - Midlands
As of March 20, 2020, the office in the Josey Library will be closed until further notice. The large open area, computers and study carrels in the library will remain available for team members with badge-access. The lactation area and EAP counseling spaces inside the library are still available. Additionally, all electronic resources (databases, Clinical Key, etc.) remain available and accessible via the Josey Library site found on myPal by going to: Learn > Josey Library. If you have questions about the Midlands library services, please contact Cynthia Garrett, Manager, Josey Library at Cynthia.garrett@prismahealth.org or Renee Connolly at renee.conolly@prismahealth.org.

If you have any questions about the matters on this announcement, please email: Christen Hairston, Ph.D., Executive Director, Student Affairs Administration, Prisma Health christen.hairston@prismahealth.org