

## College of Health Professions Faculty Guidance

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additional questions.

### Health & Safety

**Where can I go to get information about managing stress during COVID-19?**  
**GVSU Counseling and Psychological Services** are available for students. The CDC  
makes **recommendations on managing stress** during COVID-19 on its website. (6/18/20)

**Where can I go to find information on HIPAA and COVID-19?**  
The **Office of Civil Rights** has provided guidance on HIPAA in response to COVID-19.  
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**What should I do if I am not feeling well and suspect a COVID illness?**  
Follow **CDC Guidelines**. The most up-to-date information on testing, contact tracing, and  
returning to work can be found on **Lakers Together**. (6/29/20)

**What should I do if a student reports they are not feeling well and suspect they  
have a COVID illness?**  
Students should be informed to follow **CDC Guidelines**. If they suspect they may have COVID-  
19, they should be advised to contact their healthcare provider or **GVSU Campus Health  
Center** (616-252-6030) to consult with someone about their symptoms and determine next  
steps for their care. Students should follow clinical site protocol regarding absences due to  
illness (specifically COVID-19) and connect with their faculty advisor/instructor to let them  
know. They should be instructed to file a **CARE Report** to help navigate their illness and  
academics. (6/30/2020)

### Internships/Clinicals/Field Experiences

**What if a student is uncomfortable attending their assigned clinical site or  
arrangements for their placement?**  
Students may choose not to attend their student internships/clinicals/field experiences if they  
are not comfortable but should be aware that halting their experiential education may impact  
their time to graduation.

**What should I do if a site cancels student learning at their facility?**  
In the event that student internships/clinicals/field experiences are halted due to COVID-19,  
Clinical Coordinators should consult Program Directors and their accrediting body prior to  
making decisions regarding the requirements for completion of the experience. Based on  
accreditation guidelines, this may result in the use of simulation, online resources and/or  
completion of the clinical hours at a different site which may or may not affect their time to  
graduation.

**What conditions must be met for students to return to in-state clinicals?**

In order for students to return to in-state clinicals, the state of Michigan, the local area of the site, and the institution itself must have no restrictions (i.e. “Stay at Home Order”, “Social Distancing”, etc.).

**What conditions must be met for students to return to out-of-state clinicals?**

In order for students to return to out-of-state clinicals, the state of Michigan and the state where the experience is to take place, the local area of the site, and the institution itself must have no restrictions (i.e. “Stay at Home Order”, “Social Distancing”, etc.).

**Can a student get a refund if their experience is halted prior to the end of the semester but it is determined they have completed all the necessary coursework?**

Students who receive credit for their experiential education, despite an early completion, will not get a refund from the university.

**Academic Component**

**Is it possible to alter program curriculum so that experiential education can be delayed while still moving students toward an on-time graduation?**

It is possible to make changes to when courses are offered within your curriculum but all changes should first be approved by the program’s accrediting body in consultation with the Dean’s office.

**Can a student take an incomplete and finish coursework during a later semester and can this be done without charging them more tuition?**

In most instances, student placements can resume at a later date. In the event that an incomplete (I) or deferred (X) grade is given for the course, the student will not pay additional tuition. According to the [GVSU Academic Policies and Regulations](#), “a student is expected to complete course requirements according to the following schedule: fall semester Incomplete, end of winter semester; winter and spring/summer Incomplete, end of fall semester. Instructors are required to file a change of grade form or request an extension of the I grade at the end of each semester.” A deferred (X) grade must be resolved within two calendar years.

**General**

**Where can I find the latest GVSU information and resources on COVID-19?**  
[GVSU COVID-19 Information Website](#) (6/18/2020)

**Where else can I get comprehensive information on COVID-19?**

The CDC has a comprehensive website with [regularly updated COVID-19 information](#). It includes information about [managing stress during COVID-19, how to protect yourself](#) from COVID-19, and [what to do if you’re ill](#). (6/18/2020)

**Where can I find resources regarding local COVID-19 information?**

[Kent County Health Department COVID-19 information](#). (6/18/2020)  
[Ottawa County Health Department COVID-19 information](#). (6/18/2020)