

Creighton University School of Medicine

Medical Education Program Policies

POLICY: COVID Pandemic Attendance and Absence Policy

GOVERNING BODY: Educational Program Committee

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LCME ACCREDITATION STANDARD REFERENCE:

PURPOSE

The policy defines the Medical Education Program's attendance expectations for students during the COVID pandemic. This document is an addendum to the Policy: Attendance Policy and Absence Request Procedure. This document provides additional Policies strictly in relation to the unusual circumstance of the pandemic.

POLICY

1. COVID Absence Policy M1/M2 Component
 - A. Examinations and Quizzes
 1. If the student has minor or no symptoms, but is required to isolate, the student completes exams and quizzes virtually, proctored through Zoom, at the scheduled time of the assessment.
 2. If the severity of illness prevents the student from completing the assessment at the scheduled time, students will arrange an alternative time with the M1 or M2 curriculum coordinator as soon as they are sufficiently recovered.
 - B. Team Based Learning Session
 1. If the student has minor or no symptoms, but is required to isolate, the student completes the iRAT online with the class and arranges to join their team via Zoom for the rest of the scheduled TBL session.
 2. If the severity of illness prevents the student from participating in the TBL, the student will arrange an alternative time with the M1 or M2 curriculum coordinator to complete the iRAT as soon as they are sufficiently recovered. The make-up iRAT and team tRAT scores are recorded.
 - C. Graded Assessment
 1. Students are required to reschedule any in-person, graded assessments missed due to required isolation or to illness by arranging an alternative time with the M1 or M2 curriculum coordinator.
 - D. Ace Clinic
 1. Students will attempt to reschedule missed ACE clinic sessions with their preceptor.
 - E. Other Activities
 1. Arranged with the appropriate Component Director.
2. COVID Absence Policy M3 Component

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- A. Clerkship Rotation
 1. Students are expected to follow COVID policies at the clinical site where they are rotating.
 2. Students who develop symptoms and must isolate during their clerkship must get tested within 24 hours. Depending on the result, the student will return to work after five (5) days based on the "Return to Work" algorithm of the clinical affiliate. In the case of a prolonged absence, the student will participate in virtual experiences as directed by the clerkship director. In addition, the student must successfully pass the clerkship subject exam.
- B. Elective Course
 1. Students who miss an elective due to a prolonged absence must participate either virtually, if available, or make up the elective at a later time prior to the start of their 4th year.
3. COVID Absence Policy M4 Component
 - A. Students are expected to follow COVID policies at the clinical site where they are rotating.
 - B. Students who develop symptoms and must isolate during their elective must get tested within 24 hours. Depending on the result, the student will return to work after five (5) days based on the "Return to Work" algorithm of the clinical affiliate. In the case of a prolonged absence, the student will work with the elective director to determine virtual experiences that are available to make up for the absence. If none are available, the student will be responsible to make up the time to complete the elective satisfactorily.

SCOPE

Students enrolled in the Medical Education Program.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Office of Medical Education is responsible for the administration of this policy. Please forward questions to the Associate Dean of Medical Education.

AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine, Medical Education Program Committee.