



Clerkship Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Policy

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APPROVED BY:	Academic Programs		
CATEGORY:	Academic Programs		
APPLIES TO:	Students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program		

REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

- Clerkship COVID-19 Policy

PURPOSE

This policy will define the policy and procedure defined by MSUCOM to keep both students and patients safe during clinical encounters.

POLICY AND PROCEDURES

1. Students are expected to adhere to the infection precaution policies and procedures in place at the rotation site. These include measures to promote the safety of patients and medical personnel and to protect the community. Examples may include use of masks and other PPE; handwashing/use of hand sanitizer; self-monitoring for symptoms of COVID-19; etc.
 - a. The rotation site will be expected to provide you with access to documents or training to orient you to these protocols.
2. The rotation site (both base hospital and elective sites) will be expected to provide access to PPE appropriate to the clinical setting.
3. Students will be expected to follow guidance on appropriate attire/dress code for the rotation, including any changes related to COVID-19.
4. Students are provided the ability to obtain an N-95 mask fit by MSUCOM prior to clerkship entry, as well as within some base hospital locations.
5. Students will not be permitted to use PPE not supplied by the training site unless given written permission by the DME/DIO and the rotation supervisor.
 - a. N-95 equivalent equipment protocols differ

6. Students who choose, for any reason, not to undergo an N-95 mask fit, or are unable to be appropriately fit for an N-95 mask, may be restricted from participation in some patient experiences as per the training center policies/protocols.
 - a. These students may have the opportunity to utilize an N-95 equivalent, such as a PAPR, provided at the training site.
 - i. The use of an N-95 equivalent may or may not be available for student use within each healthcare setting, pending availability and individual training site policies/procedures. Student purchased N-95 equivalent equipment are prohibited without the written approval of the Associate Dean for Clerkship Education.