Nursing Skills and Technology Center (NSTC) COVID-19 Guidelines

Purpose

The purpose of this guideline is to provide required best practices to convene on-campus educational activities in the Nursing Skills and Technology Center that complies with city, state and federal pandemic requirements. These guidelines outline the procedures to plan and use a NSTC lab as well as provide a description of the screening process for faculty and students using the NSTC labs during the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines must be disseminated to all faculty, students, and staff that will be utilizing the NSTC.

Faculty guidelines when planning a NSTC lab activity:

1. Student groups will be limited to a maximum five (5) students in the lab at any given time.
2. Plan a lab schedule that permits at least 10 minutes between each group to limit student contact.
3. Provide the date, number of students, and schedule to the NSTC for submission to the Dean for approval.
4. Once approved by the Dean, the NSTC will notify faculty.
5. Instruct students not to congregate in public areas before the lab, i.e. atrium and student lounge. Students are encouraged to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to the lab.
6. Social distancing must be followed at all times with the maintenance of 6 feet between persons. If necessary to ensure social distancing, the faculty and NSTC faculty and staff will provide visual markings in the educational environment such as placing floor tape to mark appropriate social distancing. Social distancing should be maintained upon entering the building, during the lab, and departing the building.
7. Notify students in advance of the NSTC Guidelines and screening process.
8. Students and faculty should be informed ahead of the planned lab that they will be required to wear a masks. Masks will be provided to students and faculty.
9. Students and faculty should be informed ahead of the planned lab that they are not to come directly to the lab from the clinical setting without showering and changing their clothing.

The day of the NSTC lab activity – faculty expectations.

1. Faculty should arrive 30 minutes before students to set up the lab.
2. Faculty should self-screen per the screening questions below, faculty will check their temperature and document the temperature, and fill out the provided Screening Table document (see Table below).
3. Faculty should follow the student guidelines below prior to entering the NSTC lab beginning with #3.

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4. If a faculty answers yes to Question 1 or 2 or have a temperature ≥100.4, the faculty will not participate in the lab experience and be educated on procedures to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.

5. Faculty to wipe down equipment (equipment specific products provided by NSTC) between students and at the conclusion of the lab.

**Student Expectations**

1. Students should arrive 15 minutes before the lab to be screened by faculty (Table). Each student will measure their temperature in the presence of a faculty member to limit faculty exposure.

2. Participate in the screening process (Table).

3. If a student answers yes to Question 1 or 2 or have a temperature ≥100.4, the student will not participate in the lab experience that day and be provided appropriate education on the monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms.

4. Before entering the NSTC lab:
   a. Perform hand hygiene (hand sanitizer or hand washing for 20 seconds)
   b. Put on a surgical mask (provided by the NSTC)
   c. Put on gloves

5. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times
Table. Faculty and Student Screening Document

Directions: To be filled out by faculty prior to a NSTC lab experience. Please write or circle a response.

*Healthcare exposure is defined as follows: having unprotected, direct contact (non-adherence to currently recommended CDC infection control practices, including all recommended PPE) with a known COVID-19 positive patient or the infectious secretions or excretions of the patient.

**If a faculty or student answers “yes” to Question 1 or 2 or have a temperature ≥100.4, they cannot participate in the lab experience.

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