

¹Nursing Skills and Technology Center (NSTC) COVID-19 Guidelines: Phase 2

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 an 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 an NSTC lab activity:

1. Faculty will notify students in advance of the NSTC Guidelines and screening process.
2. Student groups will be limited to 50% of room or lab capacity (see Table 1) with the ability to maintain 6 feet of social distancing at any given time.
3. Plan the lab schedule to permit at least 10 minutes between each group in order to limit student contact.
4. Provide the date, number of students, and schedule to the Director of the NSTC for approval.
5. Once approved, the NSTC will confirm with course faculty.
6. 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.
7. Social distancing must be followed at all times. If necessary, the NSTC will provide visual markers or floor tape to designate stations for social distancing. Social distancing should be maintained upon entering the building, during the lab, and departing the building.
8. Students and faculty will be required to wear masks. Masks will be provided by the NSTC.
9. Students and faculty 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, document the temperature, and fill out the provided Screening Table document (see Table 2).
3. If a faculty answers yes to Question 1 or 2 or has a temperature ≥ 100.4 , the faculty will not participate in the lab experience, but will be educated on procedures to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
4. Faculty should follow the student guidelines below when screening students.
5. Faculty/students will wipe down equipment (equipment specific products provided by NSTC) between students and at the conclusion of the lab.

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Student Expectations

1. Course faculty will screen each student scheduled for lab.
2. Students shall arrive 15 minutes before the lab to allow time for screening.
3. The student will participate in the screening process (Table 2).
4. If a student answers yes to Question 1 or 2 or has a temperature ≥ 100.4 , the student will not participate in the lab experience that day, but will be referred to Student Services and provided appropriate education on the monitoring of COVID-19 symptoms.
5. Before entering the NSTC lab the student will:
 - a. Perform hand hygiene (hand sanitizer or hand washing for 20 seconds)
 - b. Put on a face mask (provided by the NSTC)
 - c. Put on gloves
 - d. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet at all times

Table 1. NSTC Room and Lab Capacities at 50% with 6 ft. Social Distancing

NSTC Room or Lab	Capacity
Hospital Lab – 5 th Floor	24
IV Lab- 5 th Floor	6
5 th Floor Simulation Labs	5
2 nd Floor Simulation Labs	5

