

¹Nursing Skills and Technology Center (NSTC) COVID-19 Guidelines: Modified Phase 3.4

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 or simulation lab 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 NSTC educational activities:

1. Faculty will notify students in advance of NSTC Guidelines.
2. Student groups are limited to room capacities (see Table 1).
3. Plan the 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 NSTC for approval.
5. Once approved, the NSTC will confirm via email with course faculty.
6. Instruct students not to congregate in public areas before the lab or simulation, i.e. atrium, hallways, and student lounge. Students shall not arrive earlier than 5 minutes prior to the lab or simulation.
7. Social distancing of 6 feet shall be followed at all times, with appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), when not engaged in lab or simulated learning requiring close contact.
8. Social distancing (6 feet minimum) will be maintained upon entering the building, in hallways, waiting areas, and when departing the building.
9. Students and faculty will be required to wear masks (cloth or surgical) at all times. Surgical masks can be provided by the NSTC.
10. Students and faculty are not to come directly to the NSTC from the clinical setting without showering and changing their clothing.

The day of the NSTC lab activity expectations:

1. Faculty shall arrive 30 minutes before students to set up the educational activity.
2. Faculty/students shall plan for additional time to wipe down all equipment (equipment specific products provided by NSTC) between students and at the conclusion of each activity.

Table 1. NSTC Skills and Simulation Lab Capacities

NSTC Room or Lab	Capacity
Hospital Lab – 5 th Floor	45
IV Lab- 5 th Floor	14
5 th Floor Simulation Labs	5
2 nd Floor Simulation Labs	5

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