

Department of Occupational Therapy

## **Guidelines for In Person Activities during COVID-19 Pandemic**

- 1. All faculty and students will review and abide by the CDC, Arizona Department of Health guidelines, and Phoenix Biomedical Campus policies for the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. In person activities include face to face classes and labs, community engagement related activities, fieldwork rotations, and the capstone experience.
- 3. All Occupational Therapy (OT) Program faculty will educate and reinforce the guidelines to students in the program.
- 4. Students will be taught and/or remediated and evaluated on correct hand washing, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) donning and doffing, and the situations in which to do so.
- Students will attend all assigned in person activities as scheduled by the program UNLESS they opt out or a rotation is canceled by the community organization.
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Opting out means:

- a. Students cannot progress in the program
- b. Students may not have a space in the program moving forward
- c. Graduation will be delayed
- d. Incoming students may be awarded a spot in the next cohort

If Students become ill with COVID-19, the OT program will provide Students a plan of re-entry and completion upon evaluation that they are safe to return to the program.

- 6. Cancellation by a community organization may mean delays in completion of program requirements and progression. Faculty will work with students as needed.
- 7. All students/faculty with an immunocompromised condition are advised to discuss their participation with any in person activities with their healthcare provider. If a student or faculty member needs an accommodation, they need to work with NAU Disability Resources.
- 8. Students who must be away from in person activities due to an illness or possible self-quarantine (as recommended by a healthcare provider), need to immediately communicate with the designated faculty member, fieldwork educator, and/or capstone mentor.
- 9. Anyone with suspected exposure or suspected COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed in any clinical, community or instructional facility and will be sent home immediately.
  - a. Immediately report any exposure by phone to the designated faculty member, fieldwork educator, and/or capstone mentor.
  - b. Contact your healthcare provider by phone for instructions to seek care.
  - c. Follow prevention protocols to prevent spread of the virus to your own home and community.
  - d. Prioritize your health and focus on recovery.
- 10. Those feeling ill will only be allowed to return to program directed in person activities with a note of clearance from a healthcare provider.
- 11. If Students become ill and are unable to attend in person activities as directed by their doctor, the OT Program will follow the NAU OT Student Handbook policies.

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- 12. All students will be required to complete a liability waiver form prior to in person activities. These forms will be uploaded and stored in CORE.
- 13. When available and appropriate, faculty and students will wear PPE (*e.g.*, gloves, masks, gowns, and face shields) as recommended by the program when, for example, touching another individual; everyone should take precautions to ensure the PPE is not cross-contaminated.
- 14. Students who live in close proximity to vulnerable individuals should follow preventive measures.
- 15. Class and lab space guidelines:
  - a. Complete screening prior to the start of each day
  - b. Wash hands, per medical protocol
  - c. Avoid touching eyes or face
  - d. Cover face for cough/sneezes with a tissue or inside of your elbow. Dispose of tissues appropriately
  - e. Wear appropriate PPE, avoiding cross contamination
  - f. Practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet), when possible
  - g. Work in groups of 10 or less
  - h. Stay home if sick
  - i. At the completion of and between each class and lab, students and faculty will clean the space using standard medical/CDC recommended protocols.
- 16. Community engagement related activities, fieldwork rotations, and the capstone experience guidelines:
  - a. Abide by all facility rules, regulations, policies, and protocols
  - b. Wash hands, per medical protocol
  - c. Avoid touching eyes or face
  - d. Cover face for cough/sneezes with a tissue or inside of your elbow. Dispose of tissues appropriately
  - e. Wear appropriate PPE, avoiding cross contamination
  - f. Practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet), when possible
  - g. Work in groups of 10 or less
  - h. Stay home if sick
  - i. Do not care for patients with a COVID-19 infection.
- 17. NAU Liability Waiver: <u>https://in.nau.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/130/2020/06/Acknowledgement-of-Risk-Mandatory-Programs.pdf</u>

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