Letter for Students with Clinical Experiences in OU Physicians Clinics

Welcome to OU Physicians!

We are excited to have you in the OU Physicians clinics. We are a unique health system consisting of over 75 clinical sites in multiple locations. We know that while you are completing your education, you will have an exceptional clinical experience with OU Physicians.

In light of COVID-19, we have altered many processes within OU Physicians. Please take the time to review the requirements for individuals working or learning within these walls of OU Physicians clinical sites.

Student Expectations while in the Clinics Related to COVID-19:

- **Masking Guidelines**
  - It is our responsibility to use all means at our disposal to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This expectation includes wearing a mask while in any of the facilities, not just during procedures or direct patient care. The mask must cover your nose and mouth at all times. If you have questions about masking, speak with your Program Director.

- **Health Monitoring**
  - It is critical as healthcare providers and learners, we are feeling our best when caring for the patients we serve. Now more than ever it is imperative that if you are not feeling well you contact HSC Student & Employee Health Clinic at (405) 271-9675.

- **Visitation Policy**
  - OU Physicians has changed the visitation policy for our clinics. At this time, adult patients are not allowed to have visitors when attending appointments or procedures unless their presence is necessary due to the patient’s needs. Special consideration is applied to pediatric patients, which allows one adult over the age of 18 to accompany the child. Due to these limitations, you will see that we have made available many forms of virtual connectivity for patients to use in the clinical setting: virtual care conferences with families, virtual consults, etc.

- **Social Distancing**
  - **Elevators:** To promote social distancing, OU Physicians is limiting the number of people in an elevator (except for emergency patient transportation), dependent upon the elevator’s size.
  - **Lunch/Breaks:** Please be mindful of congregating in department/clinic break rooms during your breaks and limit microwave use to one person at a time. Clean your food prep and eating area when you are finished.
  - **Use of Virtual Platforms:** As you might have experienced during your spring semester of school, the use of virtual platforms for learning/meetings is the new normal. The OU Health Sciences Center has Wi-Fi available to assist in attending virtual sessions and meetings. Please ensure your laptop is encrypted and works appropriately on campus and you bring associated chargers.

Please refer to current OU Physicians policies for additional guidance for student learners.

If you have any questions related to the above topics, please see your Program Director. Again, we look forward to hosting you in the OU Physicians clinics.

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