

University of Michigan College of Pharmacy Student Handbook COVID-19 Addendum

Due to the ongoing global pandemic, this addendum adds community standards, policies and updates specific to the 2021-2022 academic year to the Student Handbook and is in effect until the Interim Dean of the College of Pharmacy or University of Michigan Administration indicates otherwise. The information contained in this addendum is accurate as of August 25, 2021. Changes made after this date will be communicated to all students, staff, and faculty by the University of Michigan and/or College of Pharmacy administration.

Policy on Protecting the Health and Safety of the College of Pharmacy Community Relating to COVID-19

The College of Pharmacy aims to deliver its mission while seeking to protect the health and safety of our students and minimizing the spread of disease within the community. As students return for the 2021-22 academic year, all students are required to comply with all College of Pharmacy policies, including any public health guidance related to COVID-19. The very nature of an in-person educational experience in the College of Pharmacy means our faculty, staff and students, particularly those participating in clinical work, will be exposed to contagious viruses, including the coronavirus. The College of Pharmacy is committed to public health and similarly expects that all students will act in a manner that demonstrates respect and consideration for the health and safety of all community members.

Students are prohibited from creating a health or safety hazard at the College of Pharmacy, in connection with any college programs or activities, including any clinical work. Students are required to comply with public health guidance, including any protocols, guidelines or policies adopted by the University or the College of Pharmacy that relate to COVID-19 or other infectious diseases. This guidance will evolve as the public health crisis unfolds and may include the following: health screening protocols, participation in contact tracing, use of face coverings, COVID-19 diagnostic testing, disinfection protocols, limitations on gatherings, and social distancing. Adherence to health and safety requirements applies to all College of Pharmacy students and extends to all aspects of the facilities including classrooms, bathrooms, experiential sites, research labs, clinical labs, and all other spaces within the college or at college sponsored events/programs.

COVID-19 Syllabus Statement – 7/26/21

For the safety of all students, faculty, and staff on campus, it is important for everyone to be mindful of safety measures that have been put in place for our protection. By returning to campus, you acknowledged your responsibility for protecting the collective health of our community. Your participation in in-person courses is conditional upon your adherence to all safety measures mandated by the State of Michigan and the University (e.g., properly wearing a face covering in class and/or maintaining physical distancing, as required). Other applicable safety measures may be described in the Wolverine Culture of Care and the University's Face Covering Policy for COVID-19. Note that safety precautions are dynamic and may change over the course

of a semester. Failure to follow the safety measures is considered a violation of academic integrity and will be referred to Honor Council. Individuals seeking to request an accommodation related to the face covering requirement under the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Office for Institutional Equity. If you are unable or unwilling to adhere to these safety measures while in a face-to-face class setting, you will be required to disenroll from the class.

University of Michigan College of Pharmacy- Expectations for In-Person Interactions for PharmD Program

The purpose of this document is to ensure that pharmacy students are following appropriate safety protocols during class activities and during in-person patient care interactions. These rules apply to activities associated with courses, community health events, and life-long learning activities. Site policies should be followed for all introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPE) and advanced pharmacy practice experiences (APPE).

Definition of patient

- The term “patient” is used throughout this document to refer to community members and companions of community members (e.g., spouses, children, friends who are attending events but not receiving patient care services). In addition, “patients” refers to students, graduate student instructors, residents, fellows, simulated patients, staff, and faculty who are playing the role of a patient for educational purposes.

Mode of interaction

- Individuals and organizations responsible for overseeing activities should consider the mode of interaction. Rotation sites may require students to participate in remote and/or in-person activities that are consistent with the policies of their organization.
- All virtual interactions must be conducted using HIPAA-compliant technology (e.g., Zoom).

Participation in in-person activities

- Students may not participate in in-person patient care interactions if they have had a positive symptom screen on the day of the event or had a positive COVID-19 test requiring them to follow the current guidelines for isolation. Students should contact Dean Nelson for appropriate next steps.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for students

Mask

- Students are required to wear a mask over their mouth and nose according to University of Michigan and/or site policies.
- Students and patients should not lower their face masks at any point in time. Counseling on inhaler technique should not involve removing masks.

Eye Protection

- Students who are providing in-person direct patient care at the College of Pharmacy must wear eye protection, if required by Michigan Medicine Ambulatory Care Clinics. This applies to all College of Pharmacy-sponsored events. Examples include checking blood pressure during a health promotion event and immunization clinics.

- Students are not required to wear eye protection during in-class simulated patient care activities with peers (e.g. checking blood pressure).
- Students completing IPPE/APPE rotations should follow policies at the site related to eye protection.
- Eye protection may include a face shield or wrap-around plastic eyewear. Personal eyeglasses are not sufficient.
- When required, eye protection must be used in addition to masks. Eye protection alone is not an acceptable alternative to face coverings.

Cleaning Hands

- Students must clean their hands with either soap/water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer between each patient.
- Students must wear gloves if there is a potential for blood-borne pathogen exposure (e.g., blood glucose or cholesterol testing, vaccine administration). A new pair of gloves must be worn between each patient interaction.

Supplies

- Required supplies will be provided by the College of Pharmacy and/or site.
- Students may choose to wear additional personal protection equipment (PPE) above and beyond this policy (e.g., gloves during blood pressure screening), but they may need to be supplied by the student.

Safety protocols required for patients during in-person activities

- Requirements for wearing masks as defined by the activity site must be followed. All patients 2-years and older will be encouraged to wear a mask over their mouth and nose throughout the event, if not already required.
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer or a location to wash hands will be provided at health promotion events.

Management of in-person health promotion events

- Patients who present to a College of Pharmacy-sponsored health promotion event and report either a positive symptom screen on the day of the event or positive COVID-19 test within the time period covered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance should be immediately asked to leave.

Additional information

- This document is subject to change. Updated information will be made available on the University of Michigan [College of Pharmacy COVID page](#).

Adapted from the Michigan Medicine Infection Prevention and Epidemiology recommendations for Ambulatory Care (Clinical Skills Committee, July 2021; updated August 2021)

College of Pharmacy Building and Classroom Procedures

Here are important safety precaution procedures to follow for the building and classroom:

1. You **must** complete the [Health Screening Tool](#) each day before coming into the building. If you experience symptoms or fail the health screening tool questions (red screen), don't come to the College and contact [University Health Services \(UHS\)](#).
2. Masks must be worn when entering the building and at all times while in any area of the building (i.e. classrooms, restrooms, hallways, etc.) except when eating or drinking.

Pharmacy Community Connect Day and Health Promotion Events

This event has historically provided a great opportunity for our students to engage with the public and to get to know each other in our pharmacy family structure. After much deliberation and careful consideration and consultation with our student leaders and community sites, we have decided to **cancel** our Pharmacy Community Connect Day for Fall 2021 due to our commitment to keeping our students and patients safe by minimizing close contact and considering occupancy limits within pharmacies. There will be no required replacement or make-up activity for this event.

Pharmacy Community Connect Day is one example of a health promotion activity that we have made the decision to cancel in the year ahead. For the 2021-2022 academic year, health promotion activities within the Lifelong Learning (LLL) course will only be required for P3 students. Select health promotion events will occur, as long as the benefits continue to outweigh the risks(s) to our students and community. A review process for such events will be conducted and include a thoughtful evaluation of risk versus benefit for each event, which will be shared with students.

Course Grading for Academic Year 2021-2022

With the return of classes being offered in person, fall 2021 will see the return of traditional grading systems. The option offered during the 2019-2020 academic year to convert passing letter grades to a "Pass" will be discontinued, and the "No Record COVID" (NRC) grade will no longer be utilized. The university is temporarily extending a more flexible withdrawal policy for undergraduate students, allowing more time for students to withdraw from a course up to the last day of the term. The College of Pharmacy will also extend late withdrawal through the last day of the term for PharmD students.

However, unlike last year, if you withdraw from a course after the drop/add deadline this year, it will appear on your official transcript with a W grade. This will empower you to make informed decisions about whether you would like a grade recorded for the class or to withdraw and receive a W. Courses that have already ended or have been graded cannot be dropped. **PharmD students requesting a late withdrawal from a required course must receive approval from an Assistant Dean. Students considering a late withdrawal from a required course must schedule a meeting with an Assistant Dean prior to the last day of classes (December 10, Fall**

term; April 19, Winter term) to discuss all implications for curriculum progression if the late withdrawal is approved.

Remote Learning Requirements for Small-Group Sessions (PharmD)

In professional meetings within the college and at the hospital, turning on cameras is expected as it increases engagement and improves connection between meeting participants. Students previously reported that having cameras off negatively impacted team dynamics in classes. Therefore, if any small group sessions are held remotely using Zoom or another platform, we will be asking students to have their cameras on. Turning on video helps with learning, building connections, increasing collaboration and accountability, and improving focus during classes and meetings.

Recordings of Class Activities

Course faculty may opt to record class lectures and make them available to students in the course. As part of your participation in College of Pharmacy courses, you may be recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please contact the course coordinator the first week of class (or as soon as you enroll in the course, whichever is latest) to discuss alternative arrangements. Students are prohibited from recording/distributing any class activity without written permission from the instructor, except as necessary as part of approved accommodations for students with disabilities. Any approved recordings may only be used for the student's own private use.

U-M Bus System

University of Michigan's Logistics, Transportation & Parking (LTP) made changes to maintain safety for those who ride U-M buses. For more details on these changes and alternative services available, [click here](#).

Embedded Psychologist Update

Dr. Jamie Yang will be available for appointments. Students can schedule an appointment by reaching out to her directly at juemeiya@umich.edu. We also have plenty of activities focused on well-being in store as well as other resources on campus available to meet students' needs. Two such resources include virtual appointments through our [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) on central campus and [Wolverine Wellness](#). Our [Student Services team](#) is always available as well to support you and/or point you to other available resources.