

FMHS Skills SOP 20.8.20

Taught Skills Sessions:

Key principles for COVID control:

- 1) Maintain physical distance between people (2 metre rule to be applied where possible)**
- 2) Frequent handwashing**
- 3) Use of appropriate PPE**
- 4) Limit the number of interactions**
- 5) Limit the length of interactions**
- 6) Limit the range of people interacting**
- 7) Limit the density of people in a space/building**

Building requirements:

- 1) Specified entrance, specified exit
- 2) Ideally one-way circulation in building with clear flow routes and identified staircases up and down. Local building arrangements may differ but will still require clearly marked flow routes.¹
- 3) Room requirements:
 - ALL non-essential items to be taken into a storage area.
 - Manikins can be used but no respiratory activity
 - A clear plan regarding how physical distance spacing will be maintained in the session:
 - using physical floor mark up and/or
 - use of barriers/furniture and/or
 - use of PPE.
 - University supplied skills specific session equipment- (clean) will be placed in rooms prior to the skills session
 - University supplied PPE equipment, surgical masks, aprons, gloves, will be available in clinical skills labs/ teaching room

PPE:

- Goggles will have supplied to each student for their personal use, they should retain their goggles and bring to each session
All other PPE will be provided in the session:
- Surgical faces masks will have supplied if required
- Aprons will be supplied if required
- Gloves will be supplied if required
- Visors will be supplied if required

Clinical skills teaching

- All skills can be delivered apart from manually assisted cough
- Basic Life Support: no mouth to mouth only chest compressions, using manikins

Skills session process

1) Pre arrival prep

- Students will be given a time slot for arrival in the building, and for their specific teaching session
- Fixed groups who will always be taught together.
- Students to bring change of clothes if required

2) Arrival to building:

- All students to hand wash on entry to building, either at a sanitizer station or designated toilet area
- Students to maintain social distancing in communal areas and walking to teaching rooms using the designated route
- Students to proceed to changing area/lockers (if applicable)
 - Students to maintain social distancing whilst changing
 - Students to wipe down their locker with 70% IMS spray before usage
- Students should change clothes if coming from clinical area (bag clothes and take home to wash)
- The student group to either be collected from the changing room by the tutor if applicable, or to wait outside the timetabled room in a socially distanced queue. To be agreed at building level.

3) Start of Skills session

- Enter skills room
- Sign in (either paper or electronic)
- Hand wash on entry to activity using either soap and water, or hand sanitizer
- Wipe down personal equipment with sanitizer
- Wipe down chair with sanitizer
- Donning and doffing of PPE equipment will be done in teaching room (observing appropriate distancing/spacing)
- NB: As is current, students are not permitted to take food or drink into the skills room.

4) During skills session:

- Students may be partnered for the skills activity but should maintain social distance from other pairs.

5) End of skills session

- Prior to exiting from the teaching room students, using 70% IMS spray and paper towels, will wipe down:
 - Their own equipment
 - The skills equipment
 - Door handle, chair and desk

- Radiography to wipe down their own equipment using disposable wipes (no sprays can be used with digital equipment)
Image detector sleeves will be replaced over the image detectors to prevent cross contamination.
- Cleaning items to be disposed of in the clinical waste bin placed in the skills room
- Students and staff to remove PPE and dispose using the clinical waste bin

6) Exit skills area

- Students to collect belongings and leave the building by exit route.

7) Post session actions:

- Technician/Lecturer to reset the clinical space
- clinical waste monitoring and removal as appropriate

8) Staff or student leaving and returning mid teaching session

- In the event a student or member of staff needs to leave and then return to the skills session they will need to remove PPE and dispose using the clinical waste bin and on return don PPE equipment on entry using all the usual protocols.

Attendance rules for skills sessions:

- 1) Period of grace for arrival time but stated cut off where late comers will not be admitted.
- 2) Students showing COVID symptoms should not attend the session and should follow the University COVID guidance
- 3) Late comers and absentees cannot be booked into a different session
- 4) All attendees must sign in/swipe in or registering for the session

Emergency procedure for unwell student/staff

- 1) Usual first aid process (First aiders to be COVID aware)

Use of communal areas

- 1) There will be designated toilets with social spacing and handwashing
- 2) Students will be required to leave the building promptly at the end of their skills session, using the specified routes.