

7/14/2020 – Students in Upstate ORs and face shield guidance

Dear students,

For everyone interacting with patients, please remember to bring your face shield with you to clinical settings where you need it. The guidance from the hospital leadership team was updated last week to be "It is a strong recommendation that a face shield be worn if in contact with a patient within 6 feet for >15 minutes." We do keep links to this and the other relevant policies in the COVID Essentials blackboard module, so you can always check back there to see the most updated versions of these.

For any of you on electives/AIs/clerkships that involve participation in Upstate ORs, please make sure you are filling out the "sign in sheet" that is at the OR desk each time you participate. The control desk of each OR will know where these are located. The ORs at Upstate are still following this practice in order to conserve N95 mask and sterile gowns / gloves. Some of the ORs have had concerns that there are students who are present in the OR and have not signed in, and the folks who regulate N95 supplies have seen an increase in N95 consumption beyond the projected rate. We want to make sure you are all still allowed access to the OR, so by everyone signing in we will be able to accurately measure student use of N95 and surgical gowns. More information about this can be found in the announcement that was posted in May: https://www.upstate.edu/ume/pdf/updates/5-21-20_update.pdf

Thanks everyone. Stay safe and be well,

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