

*Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health Professions (PCCCAHP)*

*Policy/Procedure to evaluate safety of student clinical placements at a clinical site with recent COVID-19 case or exposure*

The program faculty will confirm that the clinical facility has complied with containment of COVID-19 based on CDC guidelines and will request the facilities COVID-19 policies and procedures be provided. The clinical facility must take appropriate precautions for those exposed to the COVID-19 patient (e.g. self-quarantine, testing, etc...). COVID-19 patients must be isolated or have been discharged from the facility, and COVID-19 positive staff must be on self-quarantine. In the event that all appropriate measures are being taken, clinical training will continue unless the program faculty determine that the level of exposure risk at the facility precludes such training. If training is suspended at a facility, program faculty will work cooperatively with the facility to determine the next steps to resume clinical training if and when appropriate.

In the event that proceeding with clinical training at a site with recent COVID-19 cases or exposure is recommended by the site and the program faculty, the program fieldwork coordinator will inform the student(s) of the status of COVID-19 at the site. The student will then be given the option to continue their clinical training at this site or to work with the program to identify an alternate clinical training site.

The USA Department Chair will provide written information regarding the decision to continue, delay and re-evaluate, or not return to the clinical site to the Dean of the Pat Capps Covey College of Allied Health.

Throughout all stages of this process, it must be clear to all parties involved that University of South Alabama PCCCAHP students are not to engage in treatment of COVID-19 patients or those suspected of being COVID-19 positive.