# Clinical Rotations Protocol for Incoming and Returning House Officers during COVID-19 Pandemic

This protocol is guided by [ACGME](https://acgme.org/covid-19) and [Augusta University](https://jagwire.augusta.edu/coronavirus/) (AU) guidelines:

***We will ensure that the following items are completed before house officers are allowed to participate in any clinical rotation in Augusta or at any other clinical training sites:***

1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is readily available and will be utilized in a manner consistent with good clinical practice.
2. For New Residents/Fellows: Beginning 10 days prior to the start of your clinical rotation, self-monitor using the checklist below:
   * *Do you have new muscle aches not related to another medical condition or another specific activity (e.g. due to physical exercise)? (If so, take temperature)*
   * *Do you feel like you may have a temperature of greater than 100.0°F? (If so, take temperature)*
   * *Do you have sore throat not related to another medical condition (e.g. allergies)?*
   * *Do you have a new or worsening cough not related to another medical condition?*
   * *Do you have shortness of breath not related to another medical condition?*
   * *Do you have recent (<5 days) loss of smell and/or taste?*
   * *Do you have new onset of vomiting or diarrhea not related to another medical condition?*

Notify Employee Health if you answer yes to any of these questions:

[AU EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELLNESS](https://my.augusta.edu/human-resources/employee-health-and-wellness/)

Monday – Friday; 8am – 5pm; call first, 706-721-3418

1. If you are returning from international travel you are required to self-quarantine for 14 days, regardless of presence or absence of symptoms.
2. [Review AU COVID Preparedness Page](https://jagwire.augusta.edu/coronavirus/).
3. Review [GME Site for COVID information](https://www.augusta.edu/mcg/residents/programcoordinatorinformation.php).

Pay specific attention to:

* 1. Mask and PPE guidelines
  2. Donning and Doffing handouts
  3. Testing criteria
  4. Key components of COVID Strategy
  5. Additional information can be found at [CDC Covid-19 Infection guidelines](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Finfection-control%2Fcontrol-recommendations.html)

1. If you are rotating at a site other than Augusta University Medical Center (e.g. Regional Campus, Department of Veterans Affairs, etc), review site-specific guidelines and check in with your rotation coordinator to see if additional preparation is required.
2. Steps to take in case of an exposure or illness:

* Stay home if:

1. you are sick (especially if with fever greater or equal to 100.0 F ***or*** a cough ***or*** shortness of breath, ***or*** URI symptoms)
2. you have been tested for COVID-19. Stay home until test is negative, or
3. you test positive for COVID-19. Stay home until at least 7 days after the positive test, you are fever-free for at least 3 days, and have significantly decreased symptoms
4. ) if you have been in close contact (i.e., household contact) with anyone being tested for COVID-19

* If it is a medical emergency, go to the Emergency Room or call 911
* Notify your immediate on-site clinical supervisor and Program Director ASAP
* If you are working at a regional campus also notify administration at the regional campus

1. If you meet any of the following criteria please consider discussing them with your Program Director to address your rotation schedule and consideration of temporary medical exemption from clinical care:

* Personally immunocompromised
* Pregnant
* Household member who is immunocompromised, or
* If you have other concerns about your safety

1. See below for links to Health & Wellness Resources:

***Health & Wellness***

[Report COVID-19 Exposure](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=a6yDh1vQkkK0g-ZfH9_ukdDWWYgCIWhHnN2CzL875DpUMjIwNTIyMEJTVE1VTEw3VDNDME5XUDdXNS4u)

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[24/7 Telehealth](https://www.augusta.edu/shs/documents/healthiestyou.pdf)

[Counseling and Psychological Services](https://www.augusta.edu/counseling/): 706-727-1471

GA Crisis Line:

1-800-715-4225

[Financial Aid](https://www.augusta.edu/finaid/): 706-737-1524 or email Erica Key at [erkey@augusta.edu](mailto:erkey@augusta.edu)

[Testing & Disability Services](https://www.augusta.edu/tds/) or 706-737-1469

[Residence LIfe](https://www.augusta.edu/housing/) or [residencelife@augusta.edu](mailto:residencelife@augusta.edu)

1. Complete the attestation below in Box that you have reviewed documents and understand risks.

[ ] I understand the protocol outlined above, have reviewed the training material, and am aware of the listed resources available to me. I will complete the symptom checklist protocol. I understand the risks associated with the clinical care of patients in the current COVID-19 pandemic and will take necessary precautions and follow prescribed protocols to prevent the spread of the infection.

Name:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_