

This plan was developed in response to the COVID-19 epidemic. This is a fluid document as we are unsure how long it will take to resume normal operations and clinical encounters. This will also be the plan that will be followed for any other uncommon disasters in which there is a loss of building accessibility that may occur due to any natural disasters including tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and any other pandemics.

Student Learning and Operation

Didactic Education will continue in the form of online classes and coursework. Concerns that need to be addressed, will include:

1. Determining if students and staff have adequate equipment for participating in online learning.
2. Training of staff for online learning (whether at home or within the hospital).
3. Training of students for online learning.
4. Discuss and implement how assignments will be distributed and returned.
5. Discuss and implement how tests will be conducted.
6. Discuss attendance protocols.

Clinical Education

1. Suspended from clinical rotations until appropriate PPE and staffing requirements are appropriate. Read Policy and Procedures* to learn how that progression will work.
2. Students will be scheduled to come in for clinical labs in small groups (less than six) during "clinical hours".
3. Students will be able to schedule time to perform clinical simulations on an individual basis.
4. Students will be able to schedule online clinical study time on an individual basis, (computer programs, simulation program, ASRT modules, etc.)
5. Students will perform end of semester clinical requirements with a singularly scheduled non-cohort student.

Policies and Procedures*

As a containment strategy to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 and with keeping with recommendations from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local health departments, Ascension Providence Hospital School of Radiologic Technology will be taking measures to ensure clinical continuity and academic progression for our students.

1. All students must be screened prior to entering the facility. No students will be allowed to enter the building if they have any of the following:

- a. A temperature greater than 100.0 degrees F.
 - b. Have exhibited any COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, flu-like symptoms) within the last 72 hours.
2. Students must wear a mask from their car to the building (and vice versa) and a hospital mask when in the building and caring for patients.
3. Students are **not** to provide care to patients on the designated COVID units.
4. Students are **not** to provide care to patients in isolation.
5. Students will not be allowed to rotate in Interventional Radiography (IR) or surgery procedures until adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplies (at minimum: gown, gloves, and mask) are available.
6. Per the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) accreditation Standards, only 25% of *assigned* student clinical education may take place on second/third/weekend shifts.
7. As students return, they should have valid educational opportunities and not be used as transporters, runners, or free labor.
8. Ascension Providence Hospital School of Radiologic Technology may not be able to place the total number of students approved for each clinical education site until the patient volume grows or technologists return from furloughs.
9. This agreement may be modified during the semester depending on Ascension Providence School of Radiologic Technology and/ or hospital circumstances for the safety of the patients and students.

Communications Planning

Accessibility to the program director and clinical coordinator will continue through means of electronic communication, and telephonic communication as appropriate.

1. We will be using Google Meets as the method of presenting coursework.
2. All students have an email account through Ascension to use for communication.
3. All students will be requested to have voice and video conferencing on devices being used for communication.
4. Students will be updated at least every two weeks regarding when or if we will be returning to normal operations.
5. A google meeting will be available everyday to put into all instructors/students calendars.
6. Instructors will need to develop a line of communication for students to ask questions regarding coursework, etc. Instructors are encouraged to use their Ascension email for delivery of such information and not give out their personal information.
7. Students are encouraged to download a pdf filler application (i.e., DocHub) to use for exams and homework.