

## COVID-19 Student Placement Information Advisory (Updated August 2020)

The health and safety of our students is a priority to the University. As part of your student placement (which includes clinical placements, medical practicums, co-ops, practicums, volunteer placement and/or internships), you may be exposed to a greater risk of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). It is important that you are aware that there are **risks, dangers and hazards** associated with participating in placements, including the possibility of severe or fatal illness. These risks include, but are not limited to:

1. The possibility of becoming ill due to exposure to bacteria, viruses, communicable and contagious diseases including COVID-19.
2. General health risks including, but not limited to, allergic reactions to gloves and hand cleaning products.
3. All manner of injuries and exposure resulting from interventional treatments and/or invasive procedures, use or misuse of medical equipment or techniques.
4. Exposure to emotional or mental trauma or triggers.
5. Injury and/or illness resulting from contact with patients, clients, employees, volunteers, lab samples, experiments, equipment or other students.

### Insurance

1. As a registered student and while participating in your placement work, you may be eligible to be deemed a Government of Alberta worker under the *Workers' Compensation Act* (Alberta). If you are injured in a work related accident, you may be able to claim workers' compensation benefits and cannot sue the University, your employer or any other employer or worker covered under the *Workers' Compensation Act* (Alberta). In every case, WCB Alberta will adjudicate all work-related and benefit entitlements based on the specific and unique circumstances.
2. All accidents or incidents should be reported as soon as possible to your Supervisor, Workers' Compensation Alberta, and the University of Alberta. WCB is responsible for managing and adjusting all claims that qualify for student WCB coverage. Contact WCB at 780-498-3999 or 1-866-922-9221. The University of Alberta's WCB account number for students is 316150/8. Additional information can be found on the [Insurance & Risk Assessment](#) website, the [WCB website](#), or WCB Student [Coverage Fact Sheet](#).
3. The University **does not** insure personal vehicles or property for either employees or students. Students who bring personal property with them or who will be driving their own personal vehicles on placement business are urged to contact their insurance broker to ensure that they have adequate personal automobile and property insurance.

### Guidelines

Please ensure you have and read and understood the following guidelines:

1. You must wear all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times as required by the University, Professional Association, and/or by the employer, including specific clinical PPE requirements. You must follow all employer guidelines as well as [AHS guidelines for infection prevention and control](#) if you are working with AHS.
2. You must be physically well to participate in your placement. Please ensure that you follow provincial self-isolation guidelines and stay home from work if you feel ill and/or present with any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficult breathing, flu-like symptoms, and runny nose. You should advise your faculty if you are in a high-risk category, including but not limited to, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, lung diseases, moderate to severe asthma, if you are immunocompromised, have active malignancy, or are over the age of 65.
3. You must read, understand, and follow the Hazard Assessment specific to your work site.
4. Report any concerns you have about your safety to your employer and your University program coordinator or supervisor. Follow the [COVID-19 Procedure for Sick Students](#).
5. Please stay informed and check the [U of A COVID-19 site](#) regularly for information on the current status of our community and campuses.