

**Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing  
COVID-19 planning for summer term 2021**

*Above all, Linfield will remain flexible and prepared to change as the situation evolves.  
We are dedicated to student success and the safety of our community.*

Linfield University will require students, staff, and faculty to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by August 30, 2021. Below is a link to find a vaccine site in Oregon. Faculty and students can upload their documents into American Databank/Complio.

**\*Exemption forms and the COVID vaccine category will be live in Complio on July 9, 2021. Please check your Complio account to remain compliant. \***

Oregon Health Authority's website to find a vaccine site: <https://govstatus.egov.com/find-covid-19-vaccine>

The School of Nursing works with clinical partners throughout the region and students have clinical requirements to attend educational rotations. Some clinical partners require or prefer nursing students be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We recommend all students in the nursing program get vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect themselves, vulnerable patient populations and the general community.

If a nursing student is **unvaccinated** against COVID-19:

- Clinical placement of the student may be limited based on site requirements.
- The student will be required to mask in clinical experiences, even if others are not required to wear masks.
- The student could be required by a clinical partner to get regular (even weekly) COVID-19 testing using their own resources to attend clinical rotations.
- Missing scheduled clinical experiences in a course due to any reason, including illness or isolation from exposure to COVID-19, may lead to progression issues or a need to take a leave of absence. Refer to the **Linfield-Good Samaritan School of Nursing Student Manual** for policy details.

This document includes the following updates:

- **UPDATED** clinical uniform policy
- **UPDATED** On-campus clinical procedure: Attendance, physical distancing, disinfecting spaces, personal hygiene, personal protective equipment, breaks, and space limitations
- Daily Health Checklist

## **TEMPORARY CHANGE TO CLINICAL UNIFORM POLICY**

\*Be alert for policy changes throughout the term as the situation may change in our area.

The ELC supplies KN95 masks to all students, staff and faculty as requested or needed.

Effective June 21, 2021, students, staff, and faculty will follow the Linfield University policies for masking in classes and activities. The policies depend on the person's COVID vaccination status and personal preference.

Link: <https://inside.linfield.edu/files/ehs/face-covering-policy.pdf>

Excerpt from policy:

### **Requirement for Vaccinated Individuals**

- When indoors, face coverings are not required. However, a face covering is recommended when in large groups or gatherings where pre-pandemic room capacities are reached.
- When outdoors, face coverings are not required. However, a face covering is recommended when attending events with large groups of people with unknown vaccination status.
- Continue to wash your hands thoroughly with increased frequency AND stay home when you are ill.

### **Requirement for Unvaccinated Individuals, Exempted Individuals, or Vaccination Status Unverified Individuals**

- When indoors, face coverings must be worn inside all academic, administrative, and residential buildings. This also includes all indoor classroom and temporary and academic meeting spaces.
- All guests, visitors, and vendor/contractors are considered "vaccination status unverified" and MUST continue to wear face coverings in accordance with the temporary face covering policy.
- When outdoors, face coverings must be worn whenever physical distancing **cannot** be maintained.
- Continue to wash your hands thoroughly with increased frequency AND stay home when you are ill.

All members of the Linfield community wishing to continue to wear a face covering for personal, health, or other reasons are encouraged to do so. Continuing to wear a face covering may or may not indicate vaccinations status. All Linfield community members must treat each other with respect whether or not the person continues to wear a face covering or not. It must not be assumed that mask wearing indicates vaccination status or other views. Wearing a face covering does not replace other hygiene and safety measures.

This policy applies to ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES ONLY. At clinical partner sites, students will follow the policies of the clinical site.

### **ON-CAMPUS CLINICAL PROCEDURES DURING COVID-19**

Students will participate in clinical activities in the Experiential Learning Center (ELC) buildings as scheduled.

- All students, faculty, and staff will complete the daily health checklist before attending on-campus experiences.
- Access to ELC buildings will be limited to students scheduled for clinical activities, work study, or other approved experiences.
- Wall and door signs as well as tape on floors will assist with directions.
- Students should protect themselves and others with frequent hand hygiene, using provided disinfectant to clean equipment and surfaces after use, and following safe personal protective equipment (PPE) donning and doffing procedures.
- Students will be provided with appropriate PPE in clinical experiences as needed or requested.

## **SCHEDULES FOR SUMMER SEMESTER ACTIVITIES**

- ***New Student Orientation*** will be delivered on campus on Friday, June 4. Matt Hiller has organized a Blackboard course for new students to complete orientation activities before attending.
- Faculty teaching in ***theory courses*** will update students about the plans for course delivery.
- ***Clinical courses:***
  - In order to open the clinical spaces to student experiences on campus, everyone must adhere to the COVID-19 prevention guidelines (masking and physical distancing per policies, daily health screening checklist, disinfecting spaces) as indicated in documents and information provided to students, faculty, and staff.
  - Students in all clinical courses may be notified of changes to course delivery during the COVID pandemic at any time. Alternate clinical sites and experiences may be required, and students will be notified as soon as possible.
  - Semester 4 students will attend clinical site experiences at varying times during the semester depending on the assigned site. Students will follow the clinical requirements and PPE use of the clinical site where assigned.
  - Nursing students in **precepted** rotations (senior practicum) may get appropriate training if the clinical site offers it to care for patients with active or suspected COVID-19 infections. This is an optional choice to be made by the student, based on their individual situation.
  - All students are expected to comply with clinical site regulations related to health screenings, isolation and prevention equipment, and health reporting.

### DAILY HEALTH CHECKLIST

Please review this checklist every day before reporting to work or attending in-person classes. The goal is to identify *changes* to one's health or *new* symptoms.

**STAY HOME** If you have a fever of 100.3 or above. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider

**STAY HOME** If you have two or more of the following symptoms. Notify your supervisor and/or faculty, RA and your health care provider.

	COUGH
	SORE THROAT
	RUNNY OR STUFFY NOSE
	DIFFICULTY BREATHING/SHORTNESS OF BREATH
	MUSCLE OR BODY ACHES
	HEADACHES
	FATIGUE (TIREDNESS), (GENERALLY FEELING UNWELL)
	DIARRHEA/VOMITTING (MAY BE MORE COMMON IN CHILDREN THAN ADULTS) WITH OR WITHOUT RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS
	NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL
	NEW FOOT SORES



Please stay home and contact your supervisor and/or faculty if you have been asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or local public health official.