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## COVID-19 GUIDELINES FOR JPS PSYCHOLOGY INTERNS

*Note: The information below is current as of October 17, 2021, but COVID precautions continue to evolve at JPS and across the nation. Inquiries for the most current guidelines at JPS should be directed to Dr. Katherine Weber, Assistant Training Director, JPS Division of Psychology Doctoral Internship Training Program at [KWeber@JPSHealth.org](mailto:KWeber@JPSHealth.org). Dr. Weber will direct any questions she cannot answer to the JPS Department of Academic Affairs*

**Vaccination Policies:** *As of the date of this document, COVID19 vaccinations are strongly encouraged at JPS Health Network (JPS), but they are not mandated. However, these policies are subject to change based on evolving pandemic conditions and other considerations. Thus, the current JPS policies may not reflect vaccination policies within our site in Fall 2022 when our next training class begins. As above, for the latest information on this or any questions about JPS vaccination policies, please contact Dr. Katherine Weber. The institution also requires various other vaccinations, and that list can vary by season and/or prevalence of infectious agent.*

As a psychology intern participating in the JPS Health Network (JPS) internship, you are required to comply with any and all policies and procedures related to COVID-19 implemented by JPS and applicable local, state and federal agencies while you are present on JPS premises.

These include:

1. All psychology interns will need to enter JPS facilities through designated hospital and clinic entries where they can be actively screened. Interns should not arrive onsite if they have any symptoms of illness. Interns must answer screening questions truthfully and disclose any symptoms, exposures, or diagnoses of COVID-19. Approved entry to the facility is based on the outcome of the screening.
2. All psychology interns must wear a hospital-provided medical-grade surgical mask over their nose and mouth at all times, except while eating or drinking.
3. All psychology interns must wear eye protection during all direct patient care.
4. Hand hygiene is performed according to policy (IC 111) while in JPS facilities. Strict adherence is expected at all times.



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5. Social distancing should be observed at all times, especially during meals and breaks. Congregating not required for educational purposes is prohibited.
6. Psychology interns will not be assigned to patients with positive or suspected COVID-19. However, all psychology interns providing direct patient care must have an N95 mask on their person at all times. N95s must only be used during aerosolizing procedures and during care as instructed by JPS faculty / staff per JPS PPE Guidelines.

N95 information:

- The students/instructors must only wear an N95 mask brand and size they have been fit tested to wear. Fit testing is done by the JPS Employee Health Service.
- For practicum students, it is the responsibility of the school to complete fit testing or verify approved fit testing completion for all students/instructors. The school will then need to provide the exact brand and size N95 that the student was fit tested to wear. JPS clinical areas will not provide N95 masks or fit tests for practicum students
- Students/instructors will date their N95 mask with the first date worn in a visible area on the mask. Students/instructors will comply will JPS guidelines for proper donning, doffing, storage, re-use and extended use of their N95 mask. JPS will not provide local decontamination procedures.

Compliance and adherence to these guidelines are mandatory. Students/instructors are responsible for becoming familiar with and complying with any other subsequent policies or procedures that JPS may implement as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. Failure to do so may result in removal from the clinical environment. Continued access to JPS facilities for clinical rotations is subject to JPS approval. JPS shall have the right, in its sole discretion and at any time, to discontinue clinical rotations and exclude from its premises any interns or other trainees.