

## COVID-19 Health Guidance

- Whenever possible, maintain a physical distance of 2 meters (6 feet) in patient care areas and in common spaces or as required by the experiential site Masking and Physical Distancing policy.
- Masks must be worn by every student at the experiential site or as required by the experiential site Masking and Physical Distancing policy.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going into patient rooms, restrooms, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Entrance into the experiential site will be prohibited if the student's "Ehteraz" app is any color other than green or if the student does not have the "Ehteraz" app on download on their phone.
- Students who are sick, showing symptoms of COVID-19, or have an "Ehteraz" status change for any reason are expected to stay home and inform their preceptor, PharmD Director, and/or Head of Clinical Education.
- Days missed due to illness will be the responsibility of the student to coordinate with the preceptor to make up for the missed time. If more than 50% of the rotation is missed due to COVID-19, arrangements will be made by the PharmD Director to accommodate the student.
- Students, who were in proximity/exposed to someone with COVID-19, will need to inform their immediate supervisor/preceptor who may refer them to the infectious control department at the experiential site for further evaluation.
- Testing for COVID-19 may be required prior to the start of the PharmD program or may be required after a student comes back to the rotation from sick leave as per the experiential site guidelines.
- Students who need to wear special personal protective equipment (PPE) during their rotation will be provided with the necessary PPE and instructions on how to use from the experiential site.
- Qatar University in conjunction with the experiential sites will implement all precautionary or preventative measures that protect its students from COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccination is recommended use by the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Control in the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH). Both Pfizer and BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines are approved in Qatar.
- MOPH strongly recommends adults 16 year and older to take the vaccine. While young and healthy people may be at low risk of developing serious complications from COVID-19 but they have the same risk of catching the virus as other people and they can then transfer the virus onto more vulnerable people including elderly relatives. Taking the vaccine helps protect you and the community

- The MOPH strongly encourages everyone to take the booster dose as soon as they are eligible to continue to protect themselves from the risk of infection. It is clear from the latest clinical evidence that for most people the protective immunity obtained from the first two doses of the vaccine gradually begins to decline after six months. The booster dose will give longer-term protection against all variants of COVID-19.
- Experiential sites may also enforce vaccination for all healthcare providers working at their sites
- College of Pharmacy also encourages all of its students to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their colleagues
- All details mentioned above are subject to change by the government of Qatar. Please refer to the MOPH website for complete information.
- <https://covid19.moph.gov.qa/EN/Covid19-Vaccine/Pages/default.aspx>