

COVID-19 Guidance for AMS Students

What you can do for yourself

- Don't panic
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid non-essential group gatherings
- Avoid non-essential travel
- Stay home if you are sick.....even a little bit sick
- Cough and sneeze into your elbows
- Avoid hand shaking
- If you have been potentially exposed to COVID-19 based on a physical encounter or recent travel history, please remain at home and contact Christie Benvie at University Health Services at 401-863-7525

What you can do to your surroundings

- Clean hard surfaces (desks, tables, countertops, sinks, keyboards) regularly
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (door handles, faucets, telephones, railings)
- Use alcohol wipes to clean keyboards
- Use "EPA-approved" disinfectant to clean high-touch surfaces and patient care areas
- Clean the surface first to remove all organic matter. Thorough cleaning with soap and water will remove most microorganisms
- Custodial staff are trained to use disinfectants in a safe and effective manner to clean up potentially infectious and body fluid spills

What you need to know about the hospital

- There is a national shortage of respirators and other personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Hospitals are entering a mode of strict conservation of PPE
- Most hospitals have suspended routine fit testing for non-essential personnel
- Most hospitals are limiting medical student access to the operating room
- Most hospitals are adopting a no visitor policy.....please have your hospital badge with you at all times to ensure entry into the hospital
- Medical students are considered non-essential staff and are prohibited from ALL clinical situations that would require PPE
- Students may NOT enter an airborne isolation room

- Students may NOT participate in aerosol-producing procedures for patients on droplet precautions
 - Bronchoscopy
 - Sputum induction
 - Nebulized medication administration
 - Endotracheal intubation/extubation
 - Open suctioning
 - CPR

For additional information and to obtain current University updates, please visit covid.brown.edu.

If you have individual concerns about being in any clinical care setting, please reach out to Dean Tunkel, Dean George or myself.