COVID-19 Guideline Addendum – Fall 2023
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> ***Students are expected to follow all COVID-19 related policies, procedures and guidelines stated in the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy COVID-19 Addendum.***

- **How can I obtain the COVID-19 vaccine?**
  - University Health Center is scheduling appointments for students through the UHC Patient Portal (https://patientportal.uhs.uga.edu/login_dualauthentication.aspx). Learn more here – https://www.uhs.uga.edu/healthtopics/covid-vaccine.
  - The Georgia Department of Health, pharmacy chains and local providers also offer the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost to you. To find a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, please go to: https://georgia.gov/covid-vaccine.
  - In addition, the University System of Georgia has made COVID-19 vaccines available at 15 campuses statewide and you can locate one here: https://www.usg.edu/vaccination.

- **What do I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?**
  - Please see the applicable "Guidance on COVID-19 Decision Tree" for the College of Pharmacy for additional information on what to do if you experience symptoms.

- **What do I do if I test positive for COVID-19? (Isolation guidance)**
  - *PharmD Students:* If you test positive for COVID-19 at any time, either through a PCR test, an Antigen test, or a home test kit, report the event to Dr. Duc Do, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.
  - *Other Students:* Report COVID-related events to your instructor.
  - Please see the applicable "Guidance on COVID-19 Decision Tree" for the College of Pharmacy for additional information on what to do if you test positive.

- **APPE students**
  - The "General Attendance and Participation Guidance" and "General Exam and Assignment Guidance" sections of the COVID-19 Addendum do not apply to APPE students.
  - APPE students are expected to follow COVID-19 guidance and requirements set by Experience Programs and individual sites.

- **COVID-19 Vaccinations (*PHARMD STUDENTS ONLY*)**
  - The majority of our placement sites are requiring students to provide documentation showing COVID-19 vaccination. If a student cannot provide documentation for a site-required COVID-19 vaccination, the Division of Experience programs will attempt to locate an alternate placement site for the experiential training. Students must be aware that it is possible that no

suitable option will be available to provide the specific IPPE or APPE that is part of the UGA Doctor of Pharmacy program requirements, which will result in delayed progression for the student. If suitable sites are available, but are outside the geographic region of the student's current living arrangements, the student will be responsible for any and all costs associated with travel/relocating and completing the site clearance process. It is imperative that students understand sites may modify clearance requirements at any time, thus eliminating the site as an option for continued experiential training if the student refuses to comply with their policies, including but not limited to COVID-19 vaccination requirements, which may also result in delayed progression. Students should also be aware that progression could be delayed due to the time involved to identify potential alternate sites and/or complete site clearance processes.

- **Well-being, mental health, and student support**
  - *University of Georgia*
    - If you or someone you know needs assistance, you are encouraged to contact Student Care and Outreach in the Division of Student Affairs at 706-542-7774 or visit https://sco.uga.edu/. They will help you navigate any difficult circumstances you may be facing by connecting you with the appropriate resources or services.
    - UGA has several resources for a student seeking mental health services (https://caps.uga.edu/wellbeing-prevention-programs-mental-health/) or crisis support (https://healthcenter.uga.edu/emergencies/).
    - If you need help managing stress anxiety, relationships, etc., please visit BeWellUGA (https://caps.uga.edu/well-being-prevention-programs-mental-health/) for a list of FREE workshops, classes, mentoring, and health coaching led by licensed clinicians and health educators in the University Health Center.
    - Additional resources can be accessed through the UGA App.
  - *College of Pharmacy*
    - The College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs provides wellness and academic support resources and services to students. The list of resources is outlined in the PharmD Student Handbook. If you or someone you know may benefit from our services, please contact our office.

- **Monitoring conditions:**
  - Note that the guidance referenced in this addendum is subject to change based on recommendations from the Georgia Department of Public Health, the University System of Georgia, or the Governor's Office.

- **Student compliance with COVID-19 guidelines**
  - Students who fail to comply with the College of Pharmacy COVID-19 safety policies and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action under the College of Pharmacy Professionalism Policy.

- **Additional resources**
    - See CDC website for additional up-to-date information: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html#when-to-isolate
    - See the link below for College of Pharmacy COVID-19 information: https://rx.uga.edu/about/college-of-pharmacy-coronavirus-covid-19-updates-and-resources/
    - See Student Handbook for additional information on student resources: https://rx.uga.edu/students/current-pharmd-students/

General Attendance and Participation Guidance
- See your course syllabus for specific policies related to the items in this section.

- **Didactic course recordings**
  - See your course syllabus for specific policies.

- **No penalties if unable to attend in-person due to COVID-19**
  - Students will not be penalized if they cannot attend in-person sessions because they are ill, or in isolation due to COVID-19. Course instructors will work individually with these students to identify options to make up mandatory, in-person requirements (e.g., labs, IPPEs, etc.).
  - *PharmD Students:* The [College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs](#) will continue to notify faculty should students report a positive COVID-19 test result.
  - *Other Students:* Students need to contact instructors directly about their COVID-related events.

- **Communication with faculty**
  - Students are required to contact the course coordinator and other appropriate faculty members if there is an issue related to COVID-19 that will impact attendance/participation for a course requirement. Course instructors will work individually with these students to identify options to manage issues that arise.

- **Course withdrawal**
  - In the event a student is unable to complete course requirements and needs to withdraw, the student should contact Dr. Duc Do in the Office of Student Affairs, who will work with UGA StudentCare and Outreach as needed, to coordinate this process.

General Exam and Assignment Guidance
- See your course syllabus for specific policies related to the items in this section.

- **Missed exams or assignments due to COVID-19**
  - If a student misses an exam or assignment due to COVID-19, the course coordinator and other appropriate faculty member will work with the student to offer a makeup exam or assignment to the extent feasible and reasonable.
  - Students are required to contact the course coordinator and any other appropriate faculty member in advance if there is an issue that will impact taking an exam or completing an assignment.
  - *PharmD Students:* The [College of Pharmacy Office of Student Affairs](#) will continue to notify faculty should students report a positive COVID-19 test result.
  - *Other Students:* Students need to contact instructors directly about their COVID-related events.