

Updated JTS Covid Policy

Effective 8/1/2024

Students with active upper respiratory symptoms are requested to contact either the Registrar or the Academic Dean for medical accommodation to attend class by zoom. Interns should contact the Clinic Director and Clinic Manager. Students may return to campus when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are improving overall, and if a fever was present, it has been gone without use of a fever-reducing medication. Once students return to campus after being sick, they are encouraged to take additional prevention strategies for the next 5 days to curb disease spread such as enhancing hygiene practices, wearing a well-fitting mask, keeping a distance from others, and/or getting tested for respiratory viruses. Enhanced precautions are especially important to protect our patients, and those most at risk for severe illness, including those over 65 and people with weakened immune systems.

Updated JTS Policy Regarding Masking in Classrooms and in Clinic

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Masks are optional for all students, faculty, staff, guests and patients in the upstairs spaces. We will mirror clinic policy when patients are upstairs. Masks will be optional for patients volunteering for Grand Rounds or in E200 or E300, and students and faculty will wear masks upstairs if a patient is masked or requests others to mask (such as in the grand rounds room, E300, etc.). The School will continue to purchase and make masks available for anyone needing them.

1. If you are unmasked and talking with someone who is masked, please consider properly donning a high-quality mask yourself when you are in close quarters in the classroom or lab.
2. Everyone should continue to keep a high-quality mask with them, for such occasions.
3. If a lab partner asks another student to wear a mask while in close proximity working with them, please do so. The upstairs clinical and lab classes are practice for when students will later be working with patients in the clinic and mirror our clinic policies.
4. If any student, intern, staff member or faculty member has had known exposure to someone with a respiratory infection or if they are recovering themselves and have permission to be on campus, we ask that person wear a mask for that week of classes on campus.
5. If a clinical faculty member or member of the staff observes that a student has upper respiratory infection symptoms, they may ask the person to wear a mask or leave for the day until their symptoms resolve. The expectation is that everyone will comply with those instructions.
6. Please keep all the air filters turned on in classrooms.

Continuing Education Events:

1. Masks will be optional but made available for upcoming Continuing Education events.
2. The Academic Dean will communicate the current JTS policy on these matters to attendees at our Continuing Education (CE) events.
3. We will follow a similar plan as above for students attending classes on the second floor for CE events.

JTS Clinic:

Wearing of face masks in the student intern clinic is **optional** for patients, students, staff, and faculty, with the following exceptions:

1. If a patient is wearing a mask, then clinic students, faculty, and staff should automatically wear a mask in the presence of the patient.
2. Individuals will be required to wear a mask immediately following COVID or other respiratory illness, or if directed by the Clinic Director or the supervisor of their shift, and as described by our Covid Policy.
3. Supervisors may ask interns or staff to mask if they consider a patient at high risk.
4. Supervisors may ask any individual to mask if the individual has respiratory symptoms.

This policy may change in the event of increased circulation of respiratory viruses at the discretion of the Clinic Director. Masks must be N95 or equivalent. The school clinic continues to maintain stock of high-quality masks for use by interns and patients.