

Nashua Community College
Department of Nursing
Protocol for Nursing Simulation Lab during COVID-19

PURPOSE: To clarify standard operating procedure while COVID 19 restrictions are in place and to ensure the health and safety of students and faculty while utilizing the NCC Nursing Simulation Lab.

1. Upon entering the simulation lab, place any personal belongings at your designated seat. -Following the CDC protocol, you will wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer for 20 seconds.
 - All students and faculty are required to wear a **face-covering at all times.**
1. There will be no sharing of equipment without wiping down with the CDC disinfectant prior to reuse.
2. Upon entering and leaving the simulation lab, you will clean hands per CDC protocol.
3. Students may not congregate in common areas, hallways, bathrooms, etc.
4. Cleaning Supplies will be placed in a common area of the lab.
5. Cleaning of the equipment is required after each simulation under the direction of the nursing faculty.
 - CDC approved disinfected/cleaner to be used on medical equipment, simulators, and some reusable supplies.
 - Diluted bleach or bleach wipes are to be used on counters, chairs, tables, bed frames, etc.
 - Linen will be changed as needed per faculty judgment.
 - Computer keyboards will be wiped down after each group.
6. **STUDENTS:** At the end of your simulation lab:
 - Students will be responsible for cleaning their own face shield prior to leaving the lab and will be stored in a cotton or paper bag.
 - While wearing gloves, carefully wipe the *inside*, followed by the *outside* of the face shield using a clean cloth saturated with neutral detergent solution or cleaner wipe.
 - Carefully wipe the *outside* of the face shield using a wipe or clean cloth saturated with EPA-registered hospital disinfectant solution.
 - Wipe the outside of the face shield with clean water or alcohol to remove residue.
 - Fully dry (air dry or use clean absorbent towels).
 - Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

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