

Dear Student,

As we prepare to have you voluntarily return to class at Southern California University of Health Sciences (SCU), consistent with state and local guidelines for reopening certain businesses, all students are required to acknowledge and comply with the following health and safety procedures. For purposes of this document, “class” will mean on-campus classes, or clinical assignments at on-campus or off-campus clinical sites, including preceptor sites.

- **Self-Screen:** Before going to class each day, you must self-screen at home using the SmartaBase app or website.
 - If your screening advises you may be at risk for COVID-19, notify SCU Health at 562-943-7125 by phone or email health@scuhs.edu and **stay home**.
 - Contact your medical provider regarding any symptoms that are severe or concerning to you, and please call 9-1-1 if you experience any of the following: trouble breathing, persistent pain or pressure in the chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face. This is not a complete risk. If you think you are experiencing a medical emergency, call 9-1-1.
- **Comply with All Sanitation And Social Distancing Measures:** While you are at class, you must comply with SCU’s Site-Specific Protection Plan, including, but not limited to all of the following:
 - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after having been in a public space or after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - Use hand sanitizer (with at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropanol) frequently to supplement your regular hand washing, or when you cannot get to a sink.
 - Avoid close contact with people who are or may appear to be sick.
 - Practice 6 feet away social distancing, as much as possible.
 - Cover your mouth with your elbow or a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
 - Wear a cloth face covering or mask at all times while at class (face coverings and masks cannot be shared with others and must be washed after use each day).
 - Adjust any in-person meetings, if they are necessary, to ensure physical distancing.
 - Adhere to all applicable health and safety requirements of our clinical and preceptorship partners, which may include on-site temperature checks or symptom screenings.

I acknowledge that if I choose to voluntarily return to class, I must adhere to all of the health and safety procedures listed above. I further agree that while I'm not in class, I will adhere to CDC guidelines and public health orders, as applicable. I also understand that any willful or repeatedly negligent noncompliance with the health and safety procedures listed above may result in discipline up to and including suspension from my academic program.

I also understand and acknowledge that SCU will endeavor to comply with applicable state and local regulations, and to provide students with a safe and effective class environment under the circumstances, but that SCU cannot eliminate all risks created by the COVID-19 pandemic, including the potential for exposure to the virus while at or traveling to class. I also understand and acknowledge that the risks of exposure to the COVID-19 virus while at or traveling to class may be increased by actions or omissions of other students or third parties (including, but not limited to, e.g., cleaning personnel), regardless of whether they adhere to the health and safety procedures listed above or other recommended hygiene and social distancing practices.

I also understand that if I have any health or safety concerns about attending class at clinical or externship sites, or if I am not able to report to class for any reason (e.g., childcare obligations or high-risk category), I should contact the Program Director or Dean of my academic program to discuss and work through a plan. If I choose to come back to class, I will do so voluntarily and I agree to abide by all SCU policies, including the health and safety procedures listed above.

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____