



COVID-19 Protocol

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Petra Allied Health, being a small private school, has been classified by OSHA at a lower exposure risk for the coronavirus. Because we are a school that trains medical and dental personnel, we understand that we are in a field where there is always a high risk for exposure to germs. However, because of the coronavirus we are implementing extra precautions in an attempt to do everything we can to limit the spreading of the coronavirus in Northwest Arkansas. Petra Allied Health's protocol will be based on CDC and WHO guidelines.

Our instructors will be required to fill out our "COVID-19 Infection Prevention Control" document before each class session starts documenting each students' correct hand washing procedure, temperature (including all employees), and the disinfection of the classroom at the end of each class session, then turned in to the administrators to be put with the class record. Until further notice, please practice social distancing and do not congregate in the break room. Please take your breaks in classrooms. There will be no volunteers allowed in the building for the time being.

We are asking our employees, students, and visitors to do the following:

- Please don't come to work or class if your temperature is 100.4 F° or higher; or you have been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor; have been diagnosed with COVID-19; or reside with or has been in close contact with any person in the above mentioned categories.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use Purell before entering the building.
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water (for at least 20 seconds) while in the building (use correct hand washing procedures).
- Please sit with one chair between each of you while in class.
- If you should become sick while in the building, please notify the administration and exit the building as soon as possible.
- At the end of each class session, clean all surfaces with an antiseptic (including all interior / exterior doorknobs, light switches, classroom equipment, keyboards, tables, chairs, etc).
- Please conserve gloves and masks that are used for training purposes as supplies are low.

Interruptions in Some Class Schedules

At this time we are confident that if we are all especially mindful about using infection prevention and control measures, that we can continue our scheduled classes with minimal disruptions. However, we are dependent on facilities outside of our school for clinical training and because of the disruptions in our student's class schedules due to those facilities' protocols, we will notify our students and reschedule their clinicals as soon as possible. Please be aware that if you are a CNA student, affected clinicals will be rescheduled as soon as possible as several nursing homes have closed.

Clinicals / Externships:

If you are a student taking a class that requires clinicals/externships, you may be stopped at the front door of the facility to have your temperature taken and asked to fill out a questionnaire. You will not be able to enter the building if you have or have had a fever of 100.4° F within the last 14 days, if you have a cough or shortness of breath, if you've had pneumonia or the flu recently, travelled out of the country in the last 14 days, or you have had contact with someone who has a lab confirmed novel coronavirus within 14 days of symptom onset.

We will continue to stay up to date on the latest information and guidelines provided by the CDC and WHO on the spread of the virus in our community and we will change our protocols as necessary. Updated notices will be posted on our website and on our social media pages (Facebook: Petra Allied Health | Instagram: @PetraAlliedHealth).

Thank you for your patience during this time as there are many disruptions in our communities. If you have any questions, please communicate with us directly as false rumors can spread faster than the virus itself.