

Dear ISU Student,

As you are likely aware, concerns about the Coronavirus have elevated in Indiana and across the U.S. It is likely that the leadership of your clinical site or host organization have been preparing their staff and evaluating their preparedness for the virus to affect their community or organization. Indiana State University is doing the same, and has issued the following guidelines for those on internships, clinical placements, student teaching field work and similar off-campus experiences:

***Coronavirus Guidance for Students in Clinical, Field Work, or Internships***

As the United States continues to see more cases of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), students will likely be affected both directly and indirectly. Students in clinical, field work, or internships should follow the recommendations and/or restrictions of the clinical facility/host organization. If a student feels they have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, they should follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines (link provided below) and those of their medical provider. They should notify their ISU faculty member as soon as possible to determine the proper course of action related to their program of study. Extended due dates for assignments, clinical hours, and allowance for class attendance should be given when appropriate. If a student is sick, they should not attend class and/or clinical, field work or internship experience. All students should use necessary preventive actions including: avoiding close contact with people who are sick; avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth; covering cough or sneeze with a tissue and throwing tissue away; and wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention information](#)

Of course you must follow the guidelines and requirements of the organization you are completing your experience with, while also not jeopardizing your health or those you come in contact with. If you have concerns, please discuss them directly with your faculty supervisor and the site/clinical supervisor at your agency.

Mike Licari, Provost