



Applies to:	Island Health staff supporting students with confirmed clinical education practice experiences/practicum placements within Island Health
Purpose:	Provide up-to-date resources to support safe high quality practice educational experiences within Island Health during the pandemic

BC Student Practice Education Website - <https://spe.healthcarebc.ca/>

Preparing to support students in placement educational experiences		✓
1.	<p>Check your Island Health email for recent communications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications from the Post-Secondary Institution (PSI) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Placements will continue unless otherwise directed by Island Health or the PSI program. ○ Some refinements in scheduling and practice education models may be necessary. • COVID-19 Updates from VP Pandemic Planning and VP Population Health & Chief Medical Health Officer 	
2.	Review updates on the Island Health COVID-19 intranet webpage https://intranet.viha.ca/covid-19/Pages/protect-minimize-support.aspx#protect	
3.	<p>Consider if new information needs to be shared with the student or PSI instructor and administration staff.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send an email, or • Phone, and • Update HSPnet • Consult with Professional Practice 	
During the placement shift or learning activity		
4.	Reinforce and model compliance with all infection control procedures and precautions at every opportunity, including but not limited to, hand-washing guidelines, policies and protocols.	
5.	<p>Ask student about individual learning needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review PPE recommendations for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients if applicable. • Demonstrate and coach correct PPE donning and doffing procedures. 	
6.	<p>If a student becomes symptomatic, arrange for them to leave the practice setting immediately.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide the student to complete a BC COVID-19 Symptom Self-Assessment Tool , or • Guide the student to self-refer to an Island Health Testing and Assessment Clinic https://medicalstaff.islandhealth.ca/testing-and-assessment-clinics 	
7.	Notify the PSI instructor of the symptoms through email or phone call	
Prior to the end of the placement shift or learning activity		
8.	<p>Ask students if they need for a debrief situations that have occurred during the shift.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing Anxiety & Stress: COVID-19 http://www.bccdc.ca/health-professionals/clinical-resources/covid-19-care/health-care-provider-support 	
Island Health Follow up		
9.	<p>If you or a student has been exposed to a person with potential or confirmed COVID-19 within your practice setting, you will receive a phone call from your Island Health Manager/Leader.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance will be provided • Please maintain privacy and confidentiality 	