Ramping up education in the Clinical Simulation Center (CSC).

The CSC has appropriately scaled back activities in light of the current pandemic. Decisions to resume activities will be guided by two overarching principles:

1. The health and safety of learners, faculty, and staff engaging with the CSC is our highest priority. This includes:
   
a. Complete alignment with policies and guidelines from Michigan Medicine, particularly those from Infection Prevention and Epidemiology (IP&E)

   b. Managing access and movement within the facility (assuring schedule spacing to limit contact and allow for cleaning procedures, closing spaces to limit close contact, engineering controls/barriers, migration to hands-free or mobile device-based check-in and assessment)

   c. Adherence to standard precautions for infection prevention

      i. Whenever possible, 6’ of distance between individuals engaged with CSC activities will be maintained.

      ii. Patient encounter simulations which replicate the clinical setting where the principles of social distancing cannot be followed will mandate adherence to protocols used in the clinical setting (e.g. appropriate personal protective equipment). Availability of PPE and any future conservation strategies will guide the ability to support these simulations.

   d. Cleaning and disinfection of equipment and learning environment

2. Prioritization of course and learning activities, including availability of staff, learning venues, and equipment, will be based on:

   a. Those required for the immediate optimal care of patients (deployment of individuals relating to clinical delivery at Michigan Medicine for pandemic response).

   b. Those required for certification of health professionals providing care at Michigan Medicine (ACLS/PALS, Critical Care Nursing, Safe Patient Handling, bedside procedures, operating room safety)

   c. Those mandated by Michigan Medicine courses or programs. These may include:

      i. ACGME, ABMS and program-specific requirements (FLS, FES)

      ii. Course and clerkship requirements for UMMS students

   d. Learning requirements that can be deferred or replaced with alternative approaches will be addressed by the CSC staff and faculty whenever
possible (transition of content and training to virtual or other venues to minimize physical interactions).

Specific policies and procedures relating to these principles are being developed and will be broadly disseminated with universal application and monitoring to assure adherence.

CSC Executive Committee

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