

December, 2020 – Updates for Nursing Instructors at NCH

*As we prepare to exit 2020 with a huge sigh of relief, we face 2021 as weary but stronger educators. This past year has presented many challenges, some predictable, but many unprecedented. I appreciate everyone's patience as we have progressed through the unknown. As we say good-bye to the **Year of the Nurse and Midwife** remember these wise words from Florence Nightingale: "May we hope that, when we are all dead and gone, leaders will arise who have been personally experienced in the hard, practical work, the difficulties, and the joys of organizing nursing reforms, and will lead far beyond anything we have done." And perhaps the wisest words of all: "Every nurse ought to be careful to wash her hands very frequently during the day. If her face, too, so much the better." My wish for all of us is that we enter the New Year with a renewed sense of hope and commitment to those future nurse leaders. And, if that is too much for us to contemplate at this moment, at least teach our future nurses the importance of good hand hygiene! **Wishing you a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season!** ~ Kim Kelly, BSN, RN, CPN*

The timeline to request clinical placement for the 2021-2022 academic year is January 2, 2021 to February 28, 2021. Please make your requests based on clinical assignments Before Covid (BC). Any alternate clinical assignments made during the pandemic were temporary. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions. Kim Kelly will be happy to answer your questions and even troubleshoot over the phone while you submit.

New Faculty Orientation (NFO) classes for 2021 have not been scheduled due to changes in other training classes. The NFO schedule for 2021 will be available in January. In the meantime, multiple programs have requested NFO classes. One will be held **Monday, 12/21/2020 from 4:00 – 7:00 pm**. A second NFO is scheduled for **Friday, 1/8/2021 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm**. If the instructor is in need of Inpatient Epic Training, that class is scheduled for Friday, 1/8/2021 from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm. These dates are not on the website. Please email Kim Kelly to register for any of these classes.

Parking for students remains at the parking lot located at the corner of 18th and Main Streets. The **Pink** or **Flex** shuttles can take students to the shuttle stop close to the Ambulatory entrance on 18th Street. At that entrance students can get their temperature checked and obtain an approved mask. From there they can walk indoors to their assigned clinical area. Please remind your students to travel to and from the parking lot in pairs for safety.

Badge numbers in the possession of each clinical instructor must be listed on the *Faculty Required Cover Page*. Many instructors are forgetting to list the badge numbers. An accurate accounting of student access badges is vital to the safety of our patients, families, staff and students. Listing the badge numbers (even the ones not assigned to students) is the easiest way to account for these badges. **Please remember**, if a badge is lost notify Kim Kelly or Parking Services right away. The lost badge can be remotely deactivated. If the badge is found, even ten minutes later, it can easily be remotely reactivated.

COVID-19 protocols remain in place until further notice. Please make sure your students are following the attached COVID-19 protocols. Remember, this is a zero-tolerance matter. Students, instructors, clinical groups or schools may be suspended for the duration of the pandemic if these protocols are not followed.

Of Note – some quick reminders:

- Please continue to stress the complexities of HIPAA compliance with your students.
- Students only have to get bio-fingerprints (electronic) if they will be administering medications. Otherwise they can continue to use their password to sign in.
- There is a way to bio-fingerprint students on the unit. Please ask Kim Kelly if you would like the instructions.