**Student Safety**: Safety of our student learners is of paramount importance at Highland.

* Safety discussion: We will be meeting with students during the first day of their rotation to discuss our policies around social distancing, hallway masking, and restriction on care for PUI/COVID patients as well as to address any potential concerns on the student’s part regarding personal safety.
* During orientation at the start of each rotation, we will be educating students on the following:
* The risks of asymptomatic carriage
* Proper donning and doffing of PPE
* we will emphasize that students may decline to be involved in the care of any patient whose symptoms make them uncomfortable or concerned, even if the patient is not a formal PUI
* Hallway masking: it is our policy to require those entering clinical spaces to wear a face mask at all times while in these areas
* Attendings and residents who will be working with students are all familiar with our safety practices and will be available to answer student questions regarding safety
* Patients who are seen by students will be pre-selected after an initial screen for PUI status and students will NOT be permitted to see formal PUIs.

**Social Distancing**:

* Lectures: It is currently our department policy that all meetings and lectures are conducted over video conferencing to allow for social distancing.  Students will be given online links in order to participate in all formal learning opportunities.
* Medical teams with which the students will rotate are currently meeting in small groups in designated separate spaces throughout the hospital to maximize social distancing and minimize the amount of time spent in open areas around our hospital wards.

**Restriction on PUI/COVID patient care**:

* While we are in the initial phase of re-introducing students to clinical rotations, we will not be allowing our medical students to see PUI and COVID-confirmed patients.  They will certainly be involved in teaching and discussion regarding their care, but for any patient who is an established PUI or COVID-positive, our students will not be taking part in direct patient-care activities with these patients.
* As we move forward, we will continue to reassess this decision and discuss with medical school leadership prior to pivoting to allow students to see PUI/COVID patients.
* This decision is made with both the safety of students as well as the need to minimize PPE usage in mind.