

Fall 2020 Student Q&A on COVID-19 and Field Placement

- *Will students have to sign a waiver or risk acknowledgement from the university or from the agency? **Some agencies will require students to sign a waiver, check with your agency directly for information. The University requires that all students who are participating in community based learning complete the risk acknowledgement form and COVID 19 training. [CSUEB Student COVID 19 Training and Acknowledgement](#)***
- *What happens if the assigned Field Instructor gets sick and is out for an extended period of time? **If the Field Instructor is on an extended leave for any reason, the Field Liaison and agency leadership will work to identify a suitable designee to provide field supervision for the student.***
- *What happens if a student tests positive for COVID 19, and is away from placement for an extended period of time? How do we make up those hours? **This will depend on the needs of the student in question, and how many hours are needed. Communicate and work with your Field Liaison and Field Instructor to come up with a plan. All planning will take into consideration agency policies related to intern attendance and COVID 19.***
- *Aren't internship placements wary about having interns (more people) on site then necessary (employees and client)? **Most agencies have developed safety plans and have adjusted workspaces and many are planning to have remote capacity when necessary based on current guidelines.***
- *What happens if the agency cancels my internship? **If an agency cancels the internship due to COVID-19, the student will work with the Faculty Field Liaison for next steps.***
- *What about those who live with or care for and/or visit immunocompromised people and/or elders and have to go to internship in person and then put their family members at risk? **It is recommended that students search for internship opportunities that allow telehealth or teletherapy and remote work. Please communicate needs for accommodations and work with your Field Liaison to come up with a workable plan.***

- *Are there accommodations for families that have school age children that are doing remote learning (Parent/caregiver can't leave to go to F2F internship) **First Year: Please contact your Field Liaison Advisor (the person you worked with this summer) to discuss possible remote placements. Second Year: If you are already placed and are not sure if your agency has this option, contact your Advanced Year Field Liaison.***
- *What happens if a student of the MSW program's family member who they live with tests positive for COVID 19, what steps should the student take regarding their field placement? **Along with following current guidelines for exposure, students should follow the agency protocol for next steps.***
- *Will my malpractice insurance cover my work in Telehealth? **Yes it does, you are covered for the work you will do through your internship under your student liability insurance policy. Be sure to turn in your Malpractice Insurance policy packet to your Field Liaison.***
- *Are there special considerations for IV-E or IBH/SUD Stipend Students? **If any of the IV-E or IBH/SUD students are not able to commit to any in-person field hours and intend to pursue a 100% remote field internship, please contact your Field Liaisons and Stipend Project Coordinators to discuss this ASAP.***
- *Will students be required to use their personal computers/laptops to provide telehealth/remote services? **This may vary depending on resources in the agency. In some situations students will be expected to use their own technology, please check with the agency on any available options. CSUEB does have a laptop loaner program available. [Laptop Loaner Program](#)***
- *If a student is unfamiliar with providing social work services remotely (telehealth) are there recommendations for telehealth training? **The California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions is one free resource for telehealth webinars to consider. [CIBHS Telehealth Webinars](#)***

We strongly recommend discussing these questions and any others you may have with your Field Instructor (Supervisor at your agency) before the start of the placement to discuss policies and procedures. This year more than ever, direct communication with your Field Liaison and your Field Instructor is key.