Students may have the opportunity to participate either in person or remotely in field placements. When students participate in field placements in person, the protocols below provide guidelines and best practices. Students should follow these protocols in addition to any local public health guidelines or site-specific regulations. Students should also regularly communicate with their schools to stay abreast of changing public health conditions and University-level guidance.

**COVID-19 Protocols**
- All students must follow [University Public Health Protocols](#) while participating in field placements, including wearing a face covering and completing the daily attestation in the ReopenCU app
- Students should also follow any requirements established by their field placement site
- Students should review with their field supervisor any local public health requirements pertinent to their placement in advance of their arrival to ensure site-based support to meet these requirements
- Students in clinical environments should wear a surgical mask or an N95 mask, as appropriate

**Students Who are Exposed to Individuals with Confirmed COVID-19 during Field Placements**
- Students should observe any field placement-specific protocols and should feel free to contact Columbia Health (Morningside students) at 212-854-7426 or the CUIMC Student Health Service on Haven (CUIMC students) at 212-305-3400 (after hours press option 7) for guidance.

**Asymptomatic and Close Contact of COVID-19 Case**
- Vaccinated students identified as a close contact to a person with COVID-19 do not need to quarantine after the exposure, and should continue to work, adhering to masking requirements
  - Such individuals should get tested for COVID-19 between 3 and 5 days after last date of exposure to the case
- Unvaccinated students with an approved vaccination exemption identified as a close contact to a person with COVID-19 must quarantine
  - Quarantine length in New York City/State is 10 days after the last exposure. Students must follow the quarantine and isolation guidance of the local health department in which the field placement is located
  - Students may test between 3 and 5 days after last exposure to the case
  - Students must adhere to duration of quarantine as defined by the locality in which the field placement is situated
  - Students should inform their supervisor of the duration of absence
  - Students may disclose the reason for the absence, but are not required to do so
**Symptomatic and Close Contact of COVID-19 Case**

- Students identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case and who are experiencing symptoms, irrespective of vaccination status, should not attend work and should get a COVID-19 test through Columbia Health or CUIMC Student Health on Haven, a private medical provider, urgent care, or other local locations.
- Students in the New York City area should notify Columbia Health (Morningside students) at 212-854-7426 or the CUIMC Student Health Service on Haven (CUIMC students) at 212-305-3400 (after hours press option 7) for guidance.
- Students can also get guidance from the local health authority where they are located.

**Students with Symptoms of COVID-19**

- Students with symptoms of any infectious illness should stay home, in accordance with the [Coronavirus Isolation Guide for Students](#), until they have met return-to-work guidelines. There are distinct guidelines for Morningside and CUIMC students.
- Students should notify their immediate supervisor and advisor of any infectious illness and need to refrain from coming to work.
- Students should contact Columbia Health (Morningside students) at 212-854-7426 or CUIMC Student Health on Haven (CUIMC students) at 212-305-3400 (after hours press option 7) for guidance, care, and referrals where necessary.
- Students can also get guidance from the local health authority where they are located.
- Students with symptoms of COVID-19 must get a PCR test and if test is positive or they meet clinical criteria for COVID-19, they should isolate for a minimum of 10 days. If not in New York, students should also follow the quarantine and isolation guidance of the local health authorities.
- All guidelines regarding diagnosis, self-isolation and return to work are subject to change. Please check the [Columbia University Coronavirus Isolation Guide for Students](#) for the latest guidance.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing**

- Students in field placement sites may want to access additional support through [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (Morningside students) or through [Mental Health Services](#) (CUIMC students).
- Additional resources are available through [Alice! Health Promotion](#) (Morningside students) or the [Center for Student Wellness](#) (CUIMC students).
- Students may seek information from their field supervisor.
- Additional resources may be available at the field placement location.