



## Ohio Board of Nursing

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Dear Program Administrators:

The Board is contacting you regarding the impact of COVID-19 on education programs and scheduled classroom and clinical experiences. There is a concern that education programs may need to close and/or health care settings could restrict or refuse student clinical experiences due to a localized outbreak, a quarantine directive by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), or other related issues.

The Board would certainly consider the circumstances and situations faced by each program based on COVID-19 during survey visits and the Board would document the impact of these extraordinary situations for the program and the student clinical experiences. It will be important that programs retain all related documentation from the program or from the clinical sites showing the COVID-19 impact on the program's ability to meet clinical hours and other related student requirements. At this time, education programs may want to contact and work with clinical sites regarding the plans and procedures they may be considering related to COVID-19. Also, programs may need to consider assisting students with rescheduling, including deferment of clinical hours until any quarantine issues are resolved.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and ODH continue to update information and alerts for COVID-19. On the home page of the Board website, the Board posted a link to the ODH coronavirus website ([www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)) for readers to access updated resources and the latest developments. In addition, as the Board receives updates from ODH, we will provide the information to stakeholders and nursing associations to share with their members and interested parties.

Please contact the Board at [education@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:education@nursing.ohio.gov), if there are additional questions.

Sincerely,

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