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Dear Students,

Please see the message below sent at the request of the UVM Medical Center Associate Chief Medical Officer for Quality. While the information may not apply to all of you at this time, we feel it is important to communicate this information to all students. Please let the Office of Medical Education know if you have any questions, need appropriate PPE or if we can support you in any way.

With appreciation for all that you continue to do to mitigate transmission of COVID-19 and to keep our community safe.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Christa Zehle, M.D.

Sent on behalf of the UVM Medical Center and Health Network

1. We are requesting that UVM and the LCOM ask their students to stay out of UVMMC and the cafeteria for now (unless on clinical rotation), to allow sufficient room for staff and limited visitors to safely distance from one another while eating. We ask that they please respect this request given the recent uptick in community transmission and the limited space on campus for staff to eat.
2. We are hearing many reports again of providers entering inpatient rooms without proper eye protection, and then fighting with staff when reminded to do so.

In light of the recent increase in community transmission, UVM Medical Center is returning to universal eye protection during inpatient encounters. In our inpatient setting (including outpatient procedural areas), eye protection is now required for all staff interacting with patients. In our outpatient ambulatory clinic settings, staff should wear eye protection when interacting with unmasked patients.

This is an understandably easy direction to forget at times. ***If you are approached by staff to remind you*** to wear appropriate eye protection (this does not include prescription eye glasses), ***please be receptive to their efforts to guard for your safety from high risk exposures.***

For further guidance:

<https://uvmhn.s3.amazonaws.com/www.uvmhealth.org/assets/2021-01/uvmmc-covid-fmp-inpatient-outpatient-ppe-guidelines.pdf>

For guidance on proper eye protection (two pages with pictures):

https://uvmhn.s3.amazonaws.com/www.uvmhealth.org/assets/2021-03/covid19-fmp-cleaning-eye-protection.pdf?Q0AWBdopQLuMe1aP6w887_uZqhdP_otp

