

Universal Precautions, Personal Safety, and Security

Center users should follow universal precautions against infectious disease while participating in clinical activities. Universal Precautions Guidelines can be provided upon request. Additionally, users should exercise their own discretion and good judgment regarding their participation in activities in the Centers and the potential that may cause for spreading their illnesses.

The following are a list of general precautions or ensure the personal safety and security of Center users.

- Food and drinks are not permitted in the Simulation Rooms, Skills Lab, or Exam Rooms.
- All sharps must be disposed of in an appropriately labeled sharps container.
- The containers and bags marked “red bag waste” should only be used for potentially infectious waste or animal by-products, not for the regular trash.
- Under no circumstances may sharps or supplies be removed from the Center.
- The medical and disposable equipment within the SIM Center should never be used for clinical purposes. However, it should be treated with the same safety precautions employed with actual clinical equipment.
- Hand washing or use of hand sanitizers shall be part of practice in the Center when at all possible based on the physical layout of the space.
- All injuries shall be reported to Center faculty/instructors/staff. In an injury occurs with a needle or other sharp instrument, wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible. The student or staff member will be referred to Student Health or Occupational Medicine.
- Any damaged, or potentially dangerous equipment is to be reported to the Center staff. The staff shall attempt to correct the problem and if unsuccessful, the Director will be notified.