



January 9, 2022

**MEMORANDUM TO: Toronto Region Academic Institutions**  
**SUBJECT: Learners in Clinical Placements at TAHSN Hospitals to Expect to Work with Confirmed or Presumed COVID Positive Patients**

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The Toronto Academic Health Science Network (TAHSN) prioritizes creating learner opportunities along with ensuring placement of clinical learners are effective for both the academic and healthcare institutions and the patients under the care of the healthcare institutions.

As COVID-19 and its variants continue to evolve and impact hospitals (e.g., outbreaks in hospital wards), it is essential that clinical learners, who will eventually become healthcare workers, learn to conduct their work in an environment where COVID-19 outbreaks may occur and with patients who are or may be COVID positive.

To ensure smooth operations while best supporting patient care for the short- and long-term, effective **January 10, 2022**, clinical learners who are placed at [TAHSN hospitals](#) should expect to be placed in wards **with confirmed or presumed COVID positive patients**. TAHSN hospitals will assume all learners being placed with them can work with confirmed and presumed COVID positive patients.

**If your institution does not permit certain or any of its learners to work with confirmed or presumed COVID positive patients, please complete the following starting January 10, 2022:**

- 1) Advise the TAHSN hospital where your learners are placed.
- 2) Be prepared to have changes to the learners' placement options, which could result in cancellation of the placement at a TAHSN hospital.

Sincerely,

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