

iCELS Safe Learning and Work Environment Guidelines

iCELS Core Belief: Everyone engaging with iCELS deserves respect, brings valuable experience, welcomes diversity and is invested in improving outcomes.

The goal of this document is to support safe learning and practice. In keeping with our core belief we ask that you treat those who enforce our PPE and practice guidelines, or choose to use PPE beyond the minimum required with kindness and respect. iCELS reserves the right to update and enforce safety and other measures at any time within the simulation center.

PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Procedures

- The university designates iCELS as a quasi-clinical zone. At any time, if masks are mandatory in clinical settings, they will also be required in iCELS in order to simulate accurately.
- In general, face shields or goggles are not required unless they are in use for the procedure or experience being simulated. They can be worn at other times based on user preference.
- Gloves are not mandatory but should be used if appropriate for that exam (e.g. during a pelvic exam or when performing hands-on skills with any manikin or task trainer). Exam gloves are available near the door of each simulation room. Gloves can be worn at other times if desired.
- Foam in and foam out process should be used when entering the iCELS space and when entering or exiting each simulation room, as appropriate in the clinical setting.

Note: These PPE requirements can be modified when the standards of the simulation dictate varying levels of personal protection (e.g. central line insertion.)

Clothing:

- Users should wear either plain clothes or clean scrubs.
- If arriving directly from providing clinical care, proper hygiene and clothing change are suggested.
- Masks and face shields previously used in a clinical setting should not be used in iCELS.

Cleaning:

- The iCELS team is responsible for cleaning simulation equipment or spaces between simulation events.
- Learners, Standardized Patients and/or faculty will wipe down equipment as directed, especially between their uses within consecutive sessions of a single event.
- UMass Chan Environmental Building Services will clean floors and other areas daily.

Personal Items:

- Food and drinks are not allowed in the 2nd floor of iCELS. For the 3rd floor, please follow posted signage.
- Personal items, including water bottles can be left on the table outside the 2nd floor entrance.
- Lockers are available in the corridor on the 2nd floor – please see signage for instructions on use.

Feedback:

- Following sessions in iCELS, we kindly ask that you complete a post simulation evaluation using the QR codes posted throughout the center, or survey provided by an instructor.
- General feedback or inquiries can be submitted through our [website forms](#).
- If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Melissa Fischer, MD MEd, Assistant Vice Provost for Interprofessional and Instructional Innovation, Executive Director of iCELS.