COVID-19/SOCIAL DISTANCING/SIMULATION LAB PROTOCOL

SOCIAL/PHYSICAL DISTANCING:

When a full class size is in the simulation lab, the seating is less than 6 feet apart. Due to this distance, BOTH a **mask** covering the nose and mouth, AND **face shield** MUST be worn.

*** Faculty and students should make every effort to maintain as much distancing as feasibly possible.

Course directors should assign stations for faculty to accommodate for distancing from both students as well as other faculty members while in the laboratory.

<u> PPE:</u>

- **Shields:** Shields will be provided for all students, and must be worn in addition to a mask covering the mouth and nose.
- Masks: Students and faculty shall wear masks upon entering the facility. If a mask is not owned, a
 surgical mask will be provided. Cloth masks are acceptable for use in the simulation lab. Masks shall
 continue to be worn while completing procedures in the simulation lab as well as the facility in general.
 Cloth masks should be laundered for reuse per the user's discretion. Use/reuse of cloth masks, as well
 as reuse of surgical masks is encouraged to conserve supply.
- **Eye protection:** Students and faculty shall wear eye protection with side shields while working in the simulation lab. If a shield is worn, eye protection should be additionally worn if there is risk of debris (grinding, etc.) to the user's eyes. This will be at the discretion and direction of the course directors.
- **Gloves:** Gloves will be available and shall be worn while in the simulation lab.
- **Gowns:** Gowns are not required in the simulation lab, and should not be worn to conserve the current short supply for patient care.
- **Head cover:** Students/faculty may wear head cover per their own discretion; however, none will be provided for use in the lab.
- **Stocking of PPE:** There is no staff member available to designate for stocking PPE in the lab. Each course director should evaluate the supply each session, and replenish stock accordingly. It is recommended that course directors in afternoon session ensure that there is supply at the end of the sessions, as some evening open lab sessions will be scheduled. Students will not be able to obtain PPE supply from the store in the evenings.

DISINFECTING AREAS:

Each laboratory area shall be cleaned with Caviwipes, Cavispray, or other available disinfectant before leaving the clinic session. Faculty will be responsible for the instructional desk/area, and each student shall be responsible to wipe down their area before leaving the lab. Course directors should encourage students to cease practice in time to accommodate completion of disinfection, as well as to accommodate the next scheduled sessions to begin on time.

DENTOFORM EVALUATION:

Practices of evaluation of preparations/restorations on dentoforms will be left to the discretion of course directors. Practices following social/physical distancing as much as feasibly possible is necessary.

Course directors should create stations for instructors. At each instructor station the instructor may accept dentoforms, then have the student step back for evaluation by the instructor, then return dentoform as the best implementation of social distancing for evaluations.

While limited close interactions are necessary to accommodate the student seeing what is necessary regarding feedback, this should be limited and as brief as possible while also wearing the required PPE.