Simulation in Motion-Nebraska COVID-19 Procedures

Current scientific evidence indicates community interaction increases the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The top priority of Simulation in Motion-Nebraska (SIM-NE) is to provide a safe environment for our staff, learners and the public while continuing to offer training. During training events, SIM-NE intends to lessen the risk of transmission by instituting updated training session procedures that include the following for both learners and staff:

- brief COVID-19 based health screen,
- mask usage by both learners and SIM-NE staff,
- observing social distancing measures as practically as possible,
- handwashing prior to entering the educational area
- use of hand sanitizer and
- wearing gloves

SIM-NE will set capacity limits on the training area of the SIM truck based on current best practices on social distancing from the CDC and/or UNMC highly infectious disease experts.

Please keep in mind that COVID-19 recommendations are ever changing. SIM-NE will send the point of contact for a training session our most current procedures and requirements of learners with the email that confirms the training date. If for some reason our procedures change prior to the training the point of contact will be notified.

The following is an overview of the updated SIM-NE procedures.

**Modification of simulation attendance**
In order to provide adequate space to meet the recommended 6 feet of social distance:

- Simulation sessions will be conducted with no more than 3-4 learners per session.
- Simulation activities inside the SIM-NE truck will take place in the simulated emergency room area only.
- Agencies/facilities are encouraged to consider hosting additional simulation sessions in their facility if space is adequate for social distancing measures.
- All learners will be required to wear a mask during interaction with SIM-NE staff

**SIM-NE staff screening**
All SIM-NE personnel will be screened daily for COVID-19 prior to engaging in simulation activities.

- The UNMC 1-Check app will be used to perform screening.
- SIM-NE staff will be cleared to conduct training if the tool places them in the low category.
- If the results of a staff member screen are in any other category other than "Low" the SIM-NE Program Manager or designee will be contacted prior to the staff member participating in the training.
  - The program manager or designee will review the screening questions with the employee. Once the review is complete the program manager or designee will determine if the employee is fit for training.
- The determination on fitness for duty will be based on current recommendations by the CDC and/or UNMC highly infectious disease experts.

**Learner screening**
All learners will be screened for COVID-19 prior to engaging in simulation activities. The screening may be conducted on paper or electronically and will be a self-screen.

- The self-screen will be performed after the SIM-NE team arrives at the training site and before the participant enters the training area. (SIM truck or in situ location)
  - Due to ever changing guidelines surrounding COVID-19 self-screening tools will not be provided to the point of contact prior to the training event.
- SIM-NE staff will review the screening tool for each participant prior to the participant entering the area used for training.
  - SIM-NE staff will notify any learners who fail the screen. Learners failing the screen will not be allowed to participate in training.

**Handwashing**
- SIM-NE staff and learners will be required to perform 20 seconds of handwashing with soap and hot water immediately prior to the start of each simulation session.
- Staff and learners will be required to use 70-80% alcohol-based hand immediately prior to entering the training space.

**Personal protective equipment**
Immediately after performing hand sanitizing and immediately prior to entering the training space gloves and masks, provided by SIM-NE, will be donned by everyone entering the simulation education area.

**Simulator, equipment and educational area decontamination**
For the safety of our staff and learners, SIM-NE is implementing additional steps to clean and disinfect equipment and educational areas utilized for training. The utilization of cleaning products and procedures is in accordance with the equipment manufacturer, state and federal agencies protocols.

- SIM-NE staff will decontaminate all equipment, simulators and high touch surfaces between educational sessions.
- Training schedules will be modified to provide adequate time for decontamination and staff handwashing between sessions.

**Notification procedures if an individual tests positive for COVID-19 after a training event**
**SIM-NE Team Members**
If there is a suspected or confirmed COVID case within the SIM-NE team we will:

- Communicate with the health department to assist us in determining the appropriate course of action.
- Follow the current recommendations of UNMC.
- Notify any training site where training occurred during determined period of risk.

**Training Agency/Facility**
If a local training site has a suspected or confirmed COVID case, the training site will:

- Contact their local health department
- Follow their recommendations on notifications that need to be made
- Notify SIM-NE Program Manager the same day as risk identified