

All Clinical and Non-Clinical Areas Physical (Social) Distancing at Work March 26, 2020

What's New?	New Guideline for the practice of physical distancing (also known as “social distancing”) while at work.
Why?	<p>Physical distancing is proven to be one of the most effective ways to reduce the spread of illness during an outbreak. Public Health officials have given clear messaging to the public about physical (social) distancing, and this practice must be upheld within the work environment to keep healthcare workers and patients/families safe.</p> <p>Physical distancing at work has different unique challenges from physical distancing in the community. Staff and physicians must consider how this may impact them within the context of different practice areas and work environments.</p>
How does this affect my practice?	<p>For all work environments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing at work means making a conscious effort to keep spatial separation and reduce contact between people at all times. • This may mean using phone or video meetings rather than in person meetings or changing the location of team care rounds to a meeting room that is large enough for all team members to spread out. <p>For clinical environments during patient care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The way you provide hands-on physical assessment and care may not change, but for situations where you are able to maintain physical distance, consider how the healthcare team can decrease close physical contact.
How do I find out more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access the full (interim) procedure on ePOPS: Physical Distancing While at Work
Who do I contact for further information?	Contact your unit educator or professional practice leader