

Dear Valued Education Partner,

As we all address the consequences of COVID-19 on our academic and business operations, we want to extend our deepest gratitude for your commitment to the education of UVM students.

We are reaching out to all our education partners who may be hosting UVM students in the coming year to share the steps we are taking on-campus to stop the spread of COVID-19. We also share this information to assure you that we are individually and collectively committed to the health and safety of your community. Of note, prior to being placed at a partner site, students will be required to:

- Accept the <u>Green and Gold Promise</u> (<u>http://go.uvm.edu/promise</u>), a comprehensive document applicable to all UVM students detailing individual and collective responsibilities, and required action steps, to promote health and safety in light of COVID-19.
- Complete an <u>Practicum Experience Checklist</u> detailing additional responsibilities and required action steps for health and safety particular to practicum education

In turn, we are asking our education partners to similarly commit to comprehensive measures to promote the health and safety of our students and community, as well as, adhere to UVM Health and Safety standards. This commitment has taken the form of an Acknowledgement of COVID-19 Compliance, which is attached here for you to execute and return. UVM students will not be placed at your site until we receive a signed copy of this Acknowledgement from you.

We sincerely thank you for your continued partnership with UVM during these unprecedented times, and your attention to the health and safety of our students and the greater community.

Please seek consultation with the student's practicum advisor, <u>Dr. Paul Kindstedt</u>, if questions arise or clarification is needed.

Sincerely,

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Leslie V. Parise Dean College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

UVM EDUCATION PARTNER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

As a UVM education partner, we represent that our facility(ies) employ precautionary measures and protocols for our workforce in compliance with applicable state and federal executive orders and guidance, as well as recommendations related to COVID-19 put forth by the Centers for Disease Control, as such orders and guidance may change from time to time.

We also certify that our employees have received appropriate education in protecting the health and safety of the workforce. If located in Vermont, such training shall be in accordance with Vermont Department of Labor requirements <<u>https://labor.vermont.gov/VOSHA</u>>.

We will provide an appropriate facility orientation to UVM students, and faculty if applicable, covering, at a minimum, COVID-19 health and safety protocols specific to the work environment, infectious disease preparedness and response plans, infection control and contamination procedures, and physical distancing.

We agree to supply personal protective equipment (PPE), as needed, for students to participate in the educational placement, or to notify UVM no later than 14 days prior to student placement of any PPE UVM will need to supply for students.

We agree to notify UVM as soon as we become aware that any UVM student or faculty member, if applicable, has come in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 individual at any point in the fourteen (14) days prior to confirmation of the infection, and share information that will allow UVM to determine which community members may have been exposed.

Name of Education Site

Authorized Signature

Date

Typed Name/Title