As requested by the New Jersey Office of the Secretary of Higher Education, the following plan pertains to Chamberlain University’s online programs offered to New Jersey residents and is not affiliated with Chamberlain University’s North Brunswick campus. A separate plan will be published for Chamberlain’s North Brunswick campus at least two weeks before the campus reopens. As Chamberlain receives additional health guidance, it may update its plans. These plans do not supersede any relevant state or federal level guidance that is in place and Chamberlain continues to adhere to compliance with such guidance.

This plan pertains to the following online programs:

- RN to BSN
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Social Work

Chamberlain’s online programs are offered solely through distance education, except for in-person clinical or practicum experiences. The following plan addresses those experiences.

1. General Safeguarding

Students are advised to follow the protocols and recommendations in place at their clinical site and take all precautions to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. All students are trained regarding COVID-19 sanitization and social distancing practices and protocols, following CDC guidelines.

Students in practicum courses are required to read the following guidelines and attest in writing to having done so. The attestation must be on file before students are permitted to attend a clinical experience.

a) Infection Control Guidelines (CDC)
b) Personal Protective Equipment (CDC)
c) Clinical Care Guidance (CDC)
d) Return to Work Guidance (CDC)
e) Interim Guidance for Basic and Advanced Life Support in Adults, Children, and Neonates With Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 (American Heart Association)

It is the responsibility of clinical sites to adhere to applicable requirements, including CDC guidance, New Jersey Department of Health requirements for healthcare professionals, and the New Jersey Board of Nursing. Chamberlain will not send students to sites that are out of compliance with applicable health guidelines.

Chamberlain’s template clinical affiliation agreement for its clinical sites include the following provisions, which ensure a site’s (i.e. Facility) compliance with health guidelines, including the provision of personal protective equipment and compliance with executive orders.

- “The Facility agrees to provide appropriate space, personnel and resources at designated sites to the School for Clinical experiences for Students.”
- “The Facility will provide the Student(s) and the School an orientation to the Facility, including, without limitation, its rules, regulations, administrative policies, standards and practices and appropriate OSHA training relevant to the Clinical.”
- “Both parties will abide by local, state and federal laws.”

Students who observe site breaches in following appropriate COVID-19 guidelines are expected to document this in MyEvaluations (which is an online clinical tracking tool) and notify Chamberlain faculty. Students can request a new clinical site and/or preceptor at any point in time by completing a new practicum application and discussing concerns with the experiential learning coordination team.

During preceptor, student and faculty virtual meetings, faculty inquire about COVID-related issues, and follow up with students if any students have identified concerns with facility or preceptor adherence to health guidelines.

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1 Chamberlain University initially submitted this Restart Plan on July 9, 2020. In response to OSHE’s July 23, 2020 feedback, Chamberlain supplemented the initial Plan with additional information and resubmitted, per OSHE’s request.
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2. Screening, Testing, and Contact Tracing Protocols
   Students are encouraged to report COVID-19 symptoms or positive test for COVID-19 to an internal coronavirus alert email box (coronavirusalert@chamberlain.edu) so confidential guidance can be provided regarding participation in clinical experiences. Students are also encouraged to report their positive test result to their local health authority. Students are expected to follow the guidelines of their clinical site as it pertains to screening, testing and contact tracing. Chamberlain requests that all clinical sites provide updates on any known exposures to students or faculty at their sites within 48 hours.

3. Instruction
   All instruction is completed through distance learning. Returning to clinicals is dependent upon the facility’s willingness to resume student rotations. If a practicum site is shut down or if a student feels it is in the best interest of their health to not work directly with patients and/or other healthcare providers, the student is to reach out to their faculty member to ensure they remain on target for successful completion of their practicum course. Chamberlain has measures in place to help students manage practicum hours. Additionally, post-licensure and graduate programs integrate simulated clinical and practicum experiences throughout each program to further support student progression.

4. On-Campus Residential Housing
   Not Applicable. Online programs are offered via distance education, except for clinical/practicum experiences at non-Chamberlain clinical sites and have no on-campus residential housing associated with the programs.

5. Computer Labs/Libraries
   Not Applicable. Online programs are offered via distance education, except for clinical/practicum experiences at non-Chamberlain clinical sites, and therefore have no physical computer labs/libraries associated with the programs. Chamberlain University’s virtual library continues to be available.

6. Research
   Not Applicable. Online programs are offered via distance education, except for clinical/practicum experiences at non-Chamberlain clinical sites, and therefore have no research components affiliated with a campus.

7. Student Services
   Not Applicable. All services are provided virtually.

8. Transportation
   Not Applicable. The online programs are not affiliated with a campus. Online programs are offered via distance education, except for clinical/practicum experiences at non-Chamberlain clinical sites. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites.

9. On-Campus Dining
   Not Applicable. The online programs are not affiliated with a campus.

10. Study Abroad and International Travel
    Not Applicable. Students who travel internationally are expected to follow the policies of their respective clinical sites. The online programs are not affiliated with a campus.

11. Athletics
    Not Applicable. The online programs are not affiliated with a campus.

12. Other Information/Appendices (as needed)
    Not Applicable.