



## Service Learning COVID Policies

### *Fall 2022*

The Steve Hicks School of Social Work (SHSSW) is committed to safe, high quality education in partnership with our community.

Toward that end, all service learning students have the option to complete remote service learning during Social Work (SW) 312, Generalist Social Work Practice.

Students also have the option to complete service learning in-person and should complete the In-person COVID Assessment if this option is preferred.

All social work service learning students are required to follow UT and agency protocols in keeping with updated medical guidelines regarding COVID-19. Students may be removed from a service learning if the agency is not in compliance with its own policies or current medical guidelines.

**Hours:** For the fall 2022 semester, students are required to complete 30 hours of service learning in SW312.

### **COVID-19 Exposure**

**A student who is exposed to COVID-19 or diagnosed with COVID-19 during the semester and is completing in-person service learning is expected to immediately:**

1. Communicate with their SW312 instructor regarding the circumstances and their needs;
2. Remove themselves from in person service learning and quarantine, or isolate, according to UT guidelines (and report positive COVID-19 results to UT):  
<https://protect.utexas.edu>;
3. Meet virtually to assess exposure with their instructor to review alignment of individual COVID preparedness, and agency, UT and current CDC policies.

Similarly, agencies are expected to report exposures immediately and coordinate with the students and SW312 instructors.

*Students must get the approval of their SW312 Instructor to return to service learning after COVID-19 diagnosis or exposure.*

The goal is to protect the health and recovery of the student as well as persons in the service learning environment. Similarly, if someone from the agency site tests positive for COVID-19, the expectation is that all parties would communicate as soon as able and then consult regarding plans to safeguard people's safety, well-being, educational, and agency needs.



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Students are responsible for full and truthful disclosure related to keeping their colleagues safe from potential COVID exposure. **Student failure to adhere to SHSSW COVID policies may lead to suspension from service learning and investigation into their academic integrity.**

The SHSSW will follow current medical practices related to isolation and testing in coordination with other schools of social work, professional units on campus, and community-based agencies.

**Additional guidance and supports for navigating COVID-19 challenges in service learning may be found at the below.**

Students should contact the Behavior Concerns and COVID-19 Advice Line if assistance with COVID-19 related issues is needed at 512-232-5050.

The University of Texas, Protect Texas: <https://protect.utexas.edu>

CDC guidelines: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html>