

VETERINARY HEALTH CENTER at KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

BACK-UP STUDENT PROTOCOL

1. ICU staff will make every attempt to minimize the time Back-Up students spend away from their service.
2. Primary Back-Up Students will be paged by ICU staff no later than 7AM if they are needed for morning service on any day of the week including weekends. The text page will include the time that the students should report to the ICU for service and/or a plan for the day.
3. Ventilator patients. ICU Back-Up students will be utilized to help support patients on a ventilator from Midnight until 7AM. The student assigned to the case will be responsible for care from 7AM – 4PM. However, the small animal internal medicine and surgery services agree to work cooperatively to provide additional students to monitor these patients so that the student assigned to the case can participate in their regular service. The same services will provide students for the ventilator patients from 4PM until midnight as there are no Back-Up students scheduled for these hours.
4. Isolation. It is recognized that students, staff and faculty that follow proper protocols in isolation including all personal protective clothing and barriers, should be allowed to return to their service. Interaction with any non-vaccinated animals or animals that have not completed their primary vaccination series should not occur.
 - a. Emergency and ICU students can return to the main ICU to help with patients except those that are not vaccinated or those who have not completed their vaccination series. This should help minimize the need for Back-Up students to be called in for service.
 - b. Primary students on isolation cases should make efforts to complete patient treatments from 7am-4pm. ICU staff may similarly help with patients in isolation in the event a student is not available to complete treatments. They may return to duty in the ICU under the same conditions as outlined above.
 - c. ICU staff and emergency/ICU students will therefore be available to treat patients in isolation from midnight until 7AM.
 - d. Back-Up students that are attending to patients in isolation may return to their service under the conditions described above.
5. Any other patient requiring a single person to sit and monitor for an extended period of time as designated by the attending (example: critical tracheostomy patients, blood transfusions) will follow the “Ventilator” protocol.