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TO: Education Affiliate Partner
FROM: Doug Dascenzo, DNP, RN, CENP
DATE: November 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Clinical Placements in May and June 2026 – Epic Implementation and Support Resources
CC: Eric Wallis, Donna Sommers, Regional and Site CNOs

Dear Education Affiliate Partner,

I am writing to inform you that, due to the scheduled Epic electronic health record (EHR) system implementation taking place on June 6, 2026, **student access to our EHR platform will be unavailable throughout May and June 2026**. Affected sites include Henry Ford St. John Hospital, Henry Ford Rochester Hospital, Henry Ford Warren Hospital, Henry Ford Madison Heights Hospital, Henry Ford Providence Novi Hospital, Henry Ford Providence Southfield Hospital, Henry Ford Genesys Hospital, Henry Ford Brighton Center for Recovery, and Henry Ford River District Hospital. We understand this temporary change may impact your students' clinical experiences, and we are committed to supporting you during this transition.

To ensure continued learning and skill development during the downtime, we encourage you to consider the following actionable options:

- Utilize simulation labs to provide students with hands-on practice in patient care scenarios, clinical decision-making, and documentation processes.
- Organize case-based discussions or virtual clinical rounds, allowing students to engage in critical thinking and collaborative problem solving.
- Assign online modules on clinical reasoning, patient safety, or interprofessional teamwork, which can supplement in-person experiences.
- Coordinate observational experiences in our former Ascension hospitals, where students can continue to develop skills outside the EHR environment.
- **Be present to ensure students receive adequate supervision and guidance.**

Note that all undergraduate senior preceptorship/immersion clinicals will be suspended. However, graduate clinical preceptorship will be subject to mentor/preceptor approval.

Collaboration is key to a successful transition. We invite you to share feedback, questions, or concerns about the implementation period, as well as any ideas for alternative learning activities. Your insights will help us strengthen our support for students and faculty alike. **If you decide to pause clinical placements during this time, please notify us as early as possible so we can coordinate accordingly.** For your convenience, please contact Laura Sowinski at lsowinski1@hfhs.org or 586-610-6048, or Lori Hamm at lhamm1@hfhs.org or 586-212-5103.

Thank you for your partnership and dedication to student learning. We look forward to working together to ensure a smooth transition and continued educational excellence.

Sincerely,

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