

Communicable disease policy

A communicable disease is an infectious disease that is spread from person-to-person through casual contact or respiratory droplet. Almost any transmissible infection may occur in the community at large or within health care organizations and can affect both personnel and patients. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infectious diseases that occur frequently in the health care setting include:

- Bloodborne pathogens
- Conjunctivitis
- Cytomegalovirus
- Diphtheria
- Gastrointestinal infections, acute
- Hepatitis A
- Herpes simplex
- Measles
- Meningococcal disease
- Mumps
- Parvovirus
- Pertussis
- Poliomyelitis
- Rabies
- Rubella
- Scabies and pediculosis
- Staphylococcus aureus infection and carriage
- Streptococcus infection
- Tuberculosis

All Athletic Training Program students will be advised of medical care available from the University Health and Counseling Services.

The University Health and Counseling Services will be notified of suspected cases of any of the above diseases involving AT students. Other potentially less serious infectious diseases, such as chicken pox, influenza, and pneumonia will be handled by a case-by-case basis.

Procedure:

If an AT student becomes ill, they are to report to the University Health and Counseling Services or their private medical practitioner for medical evaluation. The student should avoid contact with others if advised to do so by the physician.

If the student is diagnosed with a communicable disease, he or she shall notify their Preceptor and the AT Director immediately. The Program Director may request medical documentation for extended absence from their clinical educational experience. Students who are diagnosed with a communicable disease will require physician's clearance before they may return to their clinical rotation.

During the course of the school year, you may develop an active communicable disease. To protect the athletes and other athletic training students from contracting a communicable disease the following precautions must be followed.

- At all times, students must wash their hands before and after any contact with an athlete, and between patients.
- The Athletic Training Staff reserves the right to dismiss any student for the day that may put another student at risk.