

Communicable Disease Policy (copied from pages 31-34 of the ATP Student Handbook)

Introduction.

The purpose of the Communicable Disease Policy is to minimize as best as possible the risk of transmission of disease between Athletic Training students and clients. While it is unreasonable to think that all transmission can be prevented it is important to understand and implement reasonable universally accepted strategies. The following communicable diseases are examples that fall under this policy:

- AIDS
- Amebiasis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Campylobacter infections
- Chancroid
- Chlamydia trachomatis infection
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Infectious encephalitis
- Escherichia coli
- Giardiasis
- Gonorrhea
- Haemophilus influenza
- Hand, foot and mouth syndrome
- Viral and acute hepatitis
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Herpes
- Hantavirus
- HIV
- Legionellosis
- Leprosy (Hansen's disease)
- Lyme disease
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningitis (bacterial)
- Meningococcemia
- Mumps
- Pertussis (whooping cough)
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis
- Psittacosis
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Rubella
- Salmonellosis (typhoid fever)
- Shigellosis
- Streptococcus pneumonia
- Syphilis
- Tetanus
- Toxic shock syndrome
- Trichinosis
- Tuberculosis
- Tularemia
- Yellow fever
- Pinworms
- Ringworm
- Scabies
- Shingles (herpes zoster)

A student who has been diagnosed with any of the above listed conditions will not be permitted to participate in the Athletic Training Program until released by a physician. While a student may continue to attend classes they may be restricted when laboratory assignments may create the potential risk of passing on an infection. While contagious a student will not be permitted to participate in a clinical experience until cleared.

Immunizations

Students in the ATP must abide by Muskingum University requirements with regard to immunizations. Requirements include:

- Tdap: booster within the past ten years
- Polio
- MMR: evidence of two doses
- TB test (Mantoux PPD): done annually
- Chicken Pox: recommended but not required
- Meningococcal (Meningitis): recommended but not required

In addition, ATP students are required to have received the Hepatitis B series. While only recommended under the University student policy the Hep B vaccination is typically required for those individuals working in the health care field. Students who choose not to receive the Hepatitis B vaccine for personal reasons must sign a waiver. A copy of the signed waiver will be kept on file by the ATP Director. The waiver can be found in the appendix of this Handbook. The copy to be signed is available through the ATP Director.

Annual influenza vaccination

Athletic Training students are required to obtain an annual influenza vaccine. This is in effect as of August 2018. In the past, many off-campus clinical sites have required this vaccination. The program feels this is a requirement that best serves the institution and the student if it is required. If a student objects to receiving the vaccination, a waiver can be signed.

ATP students must provide current and accurate proof of vaccinations to the ATP Director. Students must also provide the results of any TB test done while a part of the program.

Technical Standards Form

A Technical Standards Form is used to verify the capacity of each ATP student to safely complete all of the cognitive, emotional and physical demands of the program. Prior to beginning the formal program each student must sign the form. If the student believes there

are areas that he/she is unable to accomplish then the student will be referred to the University Disability Education Office.

Any change in the status of a student with regard to the Technical Standards form must be reported to the ATP Director and CEC as soon as possible.

(Please refer to the Technical Standards Form located on page 25)

Availability of Medical Care

All Muskingum University students have access to the Wellness Center. The Wellness Center is staffed with Physicians and Nurses and is open weekdays during the school year. ATP students who are ill or have reason to believe they have been exposed to a specific pathogen are encouraged to seek medical care through the Wellness Center. Students may also choose to seek care through other medical facilities including but not limited to a family Physician, Urgent Care facility or Hospital Emergency Room.

The ATP student is responsible for notifying the ATP Director, CEC or assigned Preceptor of any illness, injury or condition that poses an issue with regard to safely engaging in any aspect of the ATP and in particular clinical education assignments. The student is also required to follow all recommendations of the physician or other healthcare provider who is attending to the student.

If an ATP student is injured or has some type of wound that might pose a concern with regard to health and safety, then a determination will be made by the ATP Director if accommodations are possible. Accommodations may include but are not limited to alternative assignments and/or restrictions from exposure to certain facilities or patients.

Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure

It is not unusual for ATS to be working with a patient where the potential for exposure to blood and other body fluids exist. Therefore it is important that each ATS follow prescribed universal precautions. The University has in place a Bloodborne Pathogen Policy and Exposure Plan. ATP students will be instructed on this plan on an annual basis through either classroom instruction or in-service opportunities. A copy of this Policy and Plan is found in this Handbook.

ATP students will be issued a CPR mask. Other barrier devices are available in the various Athletic Training facilities.

All Athletic Training students are required to follow the Muskingum University Exposure Plan.

Compliance

Failure to abide by the requirements of the Communicable Disease Policy is grounds for probation or dismissal from the ATP.

The complete Communicable Disease form can be found in the Handbook Appendix.