

## Communicable Disease Policy

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) outlines specific policies for minimizing exposure of communicable diseases within health care facilities and between health care providers and patients. The Rowan University Athletic Training Education Program is educating health care providers and we choose to use the following provisions to manage communicable diseases that may arise at on-campus athletic training clinics and in off-campus affiliated sites.

### **POLICY:**

1. Hand washing and good personal hygiene techniques are two of the best measures to prevent communicable diseases. Hand washing should occur after contact with each patient. Additionally hand washing is encouraged at all times when in contact with a patient or not. In the absence of immediate hand washing with soap and water, antibacterial hand sanitizer may be used. Hand washing with soap and water should occur as soon as possible, however.
2. If an athletic training student becomes ill:
  - a. He/she must report to the Student Wellness Center on campus or to another medical practitioner for evaluation. Upon evaluation the medical practitioner will determine the appropriate intervention needed and the amount of time the student shall remain out of contact with others to prevent transmission. The student will need to provide documentation to the Program Director and/or Coordinator of Clinical Education which indicates your condition at the time of the visit and ability to return to class and/or clinical experiences.
3. If the athletic training student acquires a communicable disease, the student will notify their Preceptor, PD, and CEC as soon as possible to notify them of the athletic training student's condition including the amount of time the student will be absent from the clinical experience.
  - a. The student will not be permitted to return to their clinical experience until he/she has been re-evaluated by a medical practitioner. A signed release from a medical practitioner must be presented to the Preceptor, PD and CEC in order for the student to return to the Rowan University Athletic Training Facility or an affiliated clinical site.
4. Since Athletic Training students are providing direct health care to patients under the direct supervision of a Preceptor, these appropriate precautions must be utilized. Any student who acquires any of the listed communicable disease will be dismissed from their clinical education experience at Rowan University or other affiliated sites until a medical practitioner has deemed the student non-contagious.

Communicable Diseases sited by the CDC:

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

I have read and understand the communicable disease policy.

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature