

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

In addition to providing immunization records and documentation from a recent physical examination, the athletic training program requires all students to follow the communicable disease policy. This policy is designed to prevent the spread of disease within the clinical setting and allow the necessary time for the student to fully recover from a recent illness.

Athletic training student presenting with common signs of a communicable disease should follow the below protocol and consider themselves excused from their clinical rotation. Common signs and symptoms of a communicable disease may include, but are not limited to, fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting, and diarrhea.

- 1. Athletic training students presenting with signs or symptoms related to a communicable disease must avoid attending their clinical site and participating in formal clinical experiences.
- 2. The athletic training student must notify their assigned preceptor regarding their current health status.
- 3. Athletic training students requiring two or more consecutive absences from their clinical rotation must be evaluated by a health care professional in Student Health Services or seek outside medical attention from their own personal physician.
  - a. Following the examination, the student must request documentation identifying when the student can return to the clinical setting and safely participate with patients and others in the clinical setting.
  - b. Documentation should be provided to the preceptor prior to resuming their clinical rotation.
- 4. Athletic training students required to miss more than one week of clinical experience should contact the Program Director and/or Clinical Education Coordinator.