

Lock Haven University of PA
MS-AT
Communicable Disease, Infection Control, Blood Borne Pathogen, and OSHA Policy

The purpose of this policy is to promote a safe health care environment for faculty, students, and the patients with whom we come in contact. The policy was developed from information set forth from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Lock Haven University will comply with all federal and state laws applicable to students and employees with communicable diseases. Strict confidentiality will be maintained in regards to individuals infected with a communicable disease. Discrimination against or harassment of the student and/or employee with a communicable disease is prohibited.

All athletic training faculty and athletic training students will participate in annual OSHA and Blood Borne Pathogen Training. Record of attendance will be maintained in the Program Director's office. It is expected that the Universal Precautions established by the CDC will be followed at all times.

If an athletic training faculty member or athletic training student believes he/she has been exposed to, or develops a communicable disease, he/she is to contact his/her supervisor immediately. The person will be removed from the clinical site and will be seen by a physician. All physician examinations, diagnostic tests, and treatments will be at the individual's expense. He/she will be excused from the site until the physician deems the person is no longer contagious. As long as the medical evidence supports, with reasonable certainty, that a particular disease is not communicable by the contact normally found in the workplace or classroom, or through airborne transmission, those areas will not be considered to be hazardous as a result of the presence of student or employee who is infected. Each case will be decided individually based upon the medical evidence and the CDC guidelines.

Specific details regarding blood borne pathogens, exposure control, and the CDC's guidelines are available at each clinical site.

Athletic training students are expected to meet all of the clinical experience requirements for the ATP. If a communicable disease prevents the student from participating in a significant portion of a clinical rotation, the student may be required to participate in an additional clinical experience. Every effort will be made by the ATP to accommodate the individual as long as the health and safety of all parties involved is maintained. If a faculty member is unable to fulfill his or her clinical responsibilities as a result of a communicable disease, the guidelines established in the Collective Bargaining Agreement will be followed.

All Athletic Training Faculty and Athletic Training Students will have on file either a record of vaccinations (including Hepatitis B Vaccinations) or a signed vaccine declination form. Vaccinations are available through the Glennon Infirmary.

The complete version of the CDC guidelines can be found online at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/hip/GUIDE/infectcont98.htm. If you have specific questions regarding this policy, please contact the Program Director, the Head Athletic Trainer, the Team Physician or Medical Director, the Health Science Department Chairperson, or the University Administration.

The CDC has established each of the following as communicable diseases:

Human Immunodeficiency Virus	Hepatitis (A, B, & C)
Conjunctivitis	Cytomegalovirus
Diphtheria	Gastrointestinal Infections
Herpes Simplex	Measles
Meningococcal Disease	Mumps
Parvovirus	Pertussis
Poliomyelitis	Rabies
Rubella	Scabies and Pediculosis
Staphylococcal Infection	Group A Streptococcus Infection
Tuberculosis	Vaccinia
Varicella	Viral Respiratory Infections