

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

In accordance with the CDC Guidelines for Infection Control in Health Care Personnel, 1998 and the Center for Health & Wellness at Capital University, the following policy and procedures have been developed for the attainment and control of communicable diseases.

Athletic Training Students showing signs and symptoms of an infection or illness will report to the Center for Health & Wellness or a physician of their choice and their Clinical Supervisor via phone as soon as possible. Students are not to attend class or their clinical site when ill.

Any athletic training student that is diagnosed with having a communicable disease of any form is required to report that disease to the Center for Health & Wellness. Athletic training students that contract a communicable disease must comply with the prescribed guidelines set forth by his/her attending physician and the recommendations of the Center for Health & Wellness.

Athletic students may not participate in clinical rotations and field experiences during the time they are affected by communicable disease and shall not return to clinical participation until allowed by their physician and/or the Center for Health & Wellness. The student will notify the Director of the Athletic Training Program or Clinical Coordinator when they need to be excused from clinical participation due to medical restrictions.

A student who has a communicable disease has an ethical responsibility to other members of the University community to report that fact to the Center for Health & Wellness. All students will be allowed access to campus facilities unless such access presents a health hazard to others. If a health hazard does arise, decisions about use of facilities will be based on the nature of the illness, severity of the illness, persistence of the illness, and the potential to infect others.

Absences from clinical field experiences due to illness will be counted as release time. Periods of extended absence will be addressed on an individual case by case basis. The Program Director and/or Clinical Coordinator will determine how the student will meet the educational requirements of any missed clinical field experiences.

Print Name

Student Signature

Date