Winona State University  
Athletic Training Education Program  
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**Purpose**
The purpose of this document is to create a plan to control any potential exposures of infectious diseases to students and staff in the athletes training facility.

**Policy/Procedure**

**Vaccinations/Immunization Records/Mantoux Testing:**

1. All students are required to have completed, or in the process of completing, the Hepatitis B vaccinations prior to the start of HERS 292 – Principles in Athletic Training.
   a. A student may decline these vaccinations if he or she feels it is in their best interest. If this occurs a waiver, signed by the student, will be placed into their permanent file in the ATEP Program Director’s office.
2. A Mantoux test for TB is required to be completed in conjunction with their medical physical prior to the start of the clinical experience with a preceptor in HERS 292.
   a. If this test is positive a chest x-ray will also be performed.
3. All other vaccinations as required by the University for admittance to the school. A record of these vaccinations will be kept in the Health and Wellness Services Office and in the vaccination section of the ATEP physical form.

**Student/Staff with a Communicable Disease or Suspected Communicable Disease:**

1. Students or staff that report for their clinical rotation with a severe respiratory infection, diarrhea, fever, sore throat or skin lesion should report to their preceptor immediately.
   a. If the condition is deemed to be a potential communicable disease the student or staff member will be dismissed from their clinical assignment/rotation for that day.
   b. The clinical supervisor may also suggest follow-up care with the Health and Wellness Services or personal physician for treatment and care.
2. Student or staff should contact their preceptor on a daily basis (or personal physician) to determine if it is safe to return to their clinical rotation without infecting other students, staff or patients.
3. Athletic training students who miss more than three days of a clinical assignment due to sickness will require a note from a MD, NP or PA that will be placed into their permanent file. Experiences missed during this time period may need to be completed prior to successful completion of the clinical course.

**Student-Athletes with a Communicable Disease or Suspected Communicable Disease:**

1. Student-Athletes should report to their supervising certified athletic trainer with any severe respiratory infection, diarrhea, fever, sore throat or skin lesion immediately prior to any practice or event.
a. If the condition is deemed to be a potential communicable disease then the student-athlete will be dismissed from practice/event for that day with notification to the coaching staff.

b. The supervising certified athletic trainer may also suggest follow-up care with the Health and Wellness Services or their personal physician for treatment and care.

2. Student-Athletes should contact their supervising athletic trainer on a daily basis (or personal physician) to determine if it is safe to return to their sport without infecting other students, staff or student-athletes.

3. If the condition is deemed to be potentially transferable to other athletes whom use the athletic training facility or other athletic facilities the following should occur:
   a. The condition should be documented on an injury evaluation sheet, along with any follow-up care provided to the athlete by other health care professionals
   b. All Athletic Training Staff members should be notified immediately of the risk in order to take appropriate actions with their respective student-athletes
      1. If necessary, facility maintenance staff should be notified in order to properly clean/disinfect locker rooms or other common areas
      2. If necessary, coaching staffs should be notified
      3. Any cleaning/disinfectant of the facility/area should occur immediately prior to use of that area by other student-athletes.

I have read and understand the above Winona State University Athletic Training Education Program Policy as it related to Infectious/Communicable Disease.

Printed Name: _______________________________ Date: _____________________

Signature: ________________________________