I. Policy

Student Health Services will provide care, services and support to students and the University during times of disaster and/or during unusual situations.

II. Procedure

A. Disasters

1. Student Health Services (SHS) has in place a Disaster Plan which is fully integrated with and supports the university’s response to disasters and other detrimental events. The authority to activate the university response rests with the President or his designated representative.

2. The Student Health Services Disaster Plan is designed to respond to on-campus occurrences that create, or have the potential to create, unusual levels of injury or illness. The role of Student Health Services during a response is to provide triage, supportive care, coordinate with university and community resources, and assist with evacuation. Normal operations are terminated when a university response to a disaster or other detrimental event is activated.

3. The Student Health Services Executive Director will coordinate with other university offices as deemed necessary to meet disaster readiness and response responsibilities.

B. Unusual Health Situations

1. Unusual health situations are defined as any campus situation which creates, or has the potential to create, abnormal health care requirements
or presents a health risk to students, but is not of significant magnitude to qualify for activation of a university-wide disaster response (see above). Examples of unusual situations might include the outbreak of a food borne illness or a case of meningococcal meningitis on campus.

2. Student Health Services will provide, or coordinate the provision of, health service support for unusual situations. The actual response will vary based upon specific circumstances. As a general rule, normal Student Health Services operations are not terminated by a Student Health Services response to an unusual health situation.

3. The Student Health Services Executive Director will coordinate planning and implementation of the Student Health Services response, and will ensure that appropriate university offices are properly notified of the circumstances and potential health consequences of unusual situations. Assistance and support from other offices and agencies will be requested as deemed necessary.

4. In the event of an unusual health situation occurring on campus, involved faculty or staff will ensure that the Executive Director of Student Health Services is notified as soon as possible, so that an appropriate health service response can be effected.

III. Reason for Revision

Policy reviewed for accuracy October 2016; no substantive changes needed.