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| RESPONSIBLE OFFICER Vice President for Student Affairs | | ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE Health and Wellbeing |

PURPOSE

This policy defines the role of Student Health and Well-Being in providing care, services, and support to students and the University of South Carolina during times of disaster and other unusual health situations that may arise on campus.

POLICY STATEMENT

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

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

As Applicable

PROCEDURES

A. Disasters

1. Student Health and Well-Being has a Disaster Plan in place 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 and Well-Being 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 and Well-Being 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-Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well-Being 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 and Well-Being 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 and Well-Being operations are not terminated by a response to an unusual health situation.
3. The Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well-Being will coordinate planning and implementation of the Student Health and Well-Being 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 necessary.
4. In the event of an unusual health situation occurring on campus, involved faculty or staff will ensure that the Associate Vice President of Student Health and Well-Being is notified as soon as possible, so that an appropriate health service response can be affected.

HISTORY OF REVISIONS

| DATE OF REVISION | REASON FOR REVISION |
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| June 1, 1992 | New policy approval |
| October 20, 2016 | Policy reviewed for accuracy; no substantive changes needed. |
| May 15, 2025 | Revalidation with no substantive change |