

ACTIVE COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

The University of South Carolina Athletic Training Program has determined 4 distinct parts to the Active Communicable and Infectious Disease Policy:

1. Immunization Policies

Athletic training students must provide immunization documentation to the Athletic Training Program in concordance with the **AT Program Immunization Policy**. This includes those immunizations/screenings required for attendance at the University of South Carolina and USC AT Program clinical education sites. The costs of immunizations and screenings shall be incurred by the student.

Students interested in the Athletic Training Program at the University of South Carolina are encouraged to obtain their own Hepatitis B immunizations prior to the start of their first year in the program. The cost shall be incurred by the student. Students will submit documentation of their Hepatitis B immunizations with their application to the Athletic Training Program. If a student so desires, he/she may decline by signing the appropriate form and submitting it to the Athletic Training Program with his/her application. Additional information on the Hepatitis B virus and Hepatitis B immunizations, as well as the Informed Consent/Refusal Form, is available in the **AT Program Hepatitis B Immunization Policy**.

2. Annual Bloodborne Pathogen Training

Athletic training students **must complete annual formal bloodborne pathogen training** prior to beginning at their fall clinical education site. Students must complete the University of South Carolina online training for bloodborne pathogens and submit their completion certificate to the program.

3. Exposure Control Plan

The University of South Carolina Athletic Training Program will also provide athletic training students with an **Exposure Control Plan** in the event of an exposure to bloodborne pathogens. This plan is available to students on Blackboard and will be readily available and immediately accessible at all clinical education sites. Athletic training students will also have access to and will consistently use bloodborne pathogen barriers and proper sanitation at all clinical education sites.

4. Illness

If an athletic training student is ill, the student will report to Student Health Services (803-777-3175) or a physician of his or her choice. The physician will determine the appropriate treatment and the amount of time the student will be absent from clinical activity. If the student has a communicable disease, the student will notify the Clinical Education Coordinator and Preceptor as soon as possible via phone or e-mail. Any student displaying signs and symptoms of a communicable disease and/or running a fever above 100 degrees will be asked to leave the clinical site and see a physician.

Students are responsible for notifying the Office of Student Affairs and Academic Support (803-777-4172) if they contract a communicable and/or contagious disease that presents a significant degree of health risk to other members of the University community.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STUDENT VERIFICATION

I have received, read, and reviewed the AT Program Policy and Procedures listed above for communicable and infectious disease while participating in the AT Program. I understand that I have access to this document and all other Policy and Procedures for the AT Program through Blackboard at any time during my tenure within the AT Program. I understand that violations for meeting this policy could result in removal from a clinical education site and failure of the corresponding clinical class, as well as possible dismissal from the AT Program.

Date: _____

Signature, Athletic Training Student

Name, Athletic Training Student (Print)

