

Communicable Diseases Policy

Provided in the Special Medical Issues & Communicable Diseases Section of the Policies and Procedures Manual

Occasionally persons involved with athletic endeavor are exposed to communicable diseases. In the event a student-athlete, staff, or athletic training student becomes ill with a communicable disease, he/she should be referred to the appropriate health care professional. Once a diagnosis is made, the practitioner shall make all relevant recommendations with regard to further participation in either athletic or academic activities. If a student-athlete, staff member or athletic training student becomes ill with a communicable disease, he/she should report it to their coach, administrator, or clinical supervisor. Upon acquiring medical guidance, the effected person shall inform their coach, administrator or clinical supervisor the findings of their medical conditions. He/she should also discuss appropriate time for return to activity. Return to activity may require a signed release from the supervising physician or medical care provider. In the event the individual requires such a release, the signed form should be provided to the athletic training staff or administrator so that proper precautions for return can be followed. All individuals who have potentially been exposed shall be referred as the condition dictates. Any student-athlete, coach, athletic training staff member or athletic training student who has acquired any of the following diseases shall follow these guidelines:

Conjunctivitis, Diptheria, Herpes Simplex, Measles, Meningococcal disease, Gastrointestinal infections, Parvovirus, Poliomyelitis, Mumps, Pertussis, Influenza, Rabies, Rubella, Scabies, Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus infection, Tuberculosis.

*[NEW 2021] In addition to the above communicable diseases, COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus) and its Delta Variant is highly contagious disease through the droplets and very small particles that contain the virus. If you experience any signs and symptoms related to the COVID-19, please contact to the local health district; UNK's Public Health Center (PHC) at 308-865-8279 or unkhealth@unk.edu. People diagnosed with COVID-19 will have to be cleared by the PHC before returning to campus activit.

I _____ have read and fully understand the UNK ATEP communicable disease policy. I will adhere to the policy and will act in good faith to comply with the intent and purpose for which it has been established.

Signature _____ Date _____