Evangel University

Athletic Training Program

Communicable Disease Policy

At Evangel University we strive to protect our Athletic Training Students, Preceptors, and faculty and staff from infectious disease. This policy was developed using the recommendations established by the CDC for health care workers (www.cdc.gov).

What are Infectious Diseases?
An infectious disease is any disease caused by growth of pathogenic microorganisms in the body.

What are Communicable Diseases?
A communicable disease is a disease that can be transmitted from one person to another. There are four main types of transmission including direct physical contact, air (through a cough, sneeze, or other particle inhaled), a vehicle (ingested or injected), and a vector (via animals or insects).

Communicable Diseases Cited by the CDC:

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Guidelines for Prevention of Exposure and Infection

1. Staff and students must successfully complete an annual Bloodborne pathogens training.

2. Staff and students are required to use proper hand washing techniques and practice good hygiene at all times.

3. Staff and students are required to use Universal Precautions at all times. This applies to all clinical sites.

4. Staff and students are not to provide patient care if they have active signs or symptoms of a communicable disease.
Guidelines for Managing Potential Infection

1. Any student who has been exposed to a potential infection before, during, or after a clinical experience, or who has been diagnosed with having a communicable disease of any form, should report that exposure to his/her preceptor immediately and to Sarah Walters, Program Director of the AT Program at the Evangel University.

2. Any student, who demonstrates signs or symptoms of infection or disease that may place him/her and/or his/her patients at risk, should report that potential infection or disease immediately.

3. The student is responsible for keeping the Program Director informed of his/her conditions that require extended care and/or missed class/clinical time. The student may be required to provide written documentation from a physician to return to class and/or clinical site.

4. If a student feels ill enough to miss ANY class or clinical experience that student should notify the appropriate instructor or preceptor immediately.

By signing below, you indicate you understand and will abide by Evangel University Athletic Training Program Communicable Disease Policy. Any breach of the Communicable Disease Policy will result in disciplinary action determined by Sarah Walters, Program Director of the AT Program.

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Athletic Training Student (Print): Date

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Athletic Training Student (Signature): Date

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Program Director, Athletic Training Date

Reference Sources:
http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_hcpersonnel.html