

## Significant Infectious Diseases Policy

“Definition and Procedure: For the purpose of this policy, significant infectious diseases are defined as bloodborne pathogens and reportable communicable diseases (for example: influenza, meningitis, tuberculosis, mumps). Minot State University will follow the policies and recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control of the U.S. Public Health Service and the North Dakota State Health Department and will work in cooperation with local health authorities to prevent the spread of significant infectious diseases and will promote, through education, the prevention of such diseases.” (MSU Faculty Handbook Section F, IV). In addition, Athletic Training Program students are required to submit proof of HBV immunization to the Student Health Center and then provide documentation on the Athletic Training Program Student Immunization form to the Athletic Training Program Director. Student who choose not to take HBV immunizations need to provide in writing that they have chosen to decline HBV Immunization (by signing a declination statement turned in to the Athletic Training Program Director). Students will submit an Athletic Training Program Student Immunization form to the Athletic Training Program Director.

### **Immunization Requirements for admission to Minot State University:**

The following information taken from <http://www.minotstateu.edu/health/immunization.shtml>, retrieved on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. North Dakota State Board of Higher Education requires verification of two (2) measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) immunizations or immune titers for **ALL** students born after 12/31/56.

Effective fall 2012, newly admitted students ages 21 and under residing in MSU campus housing must provide documentation of immunity against meningococcal disease with evidence of at least one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine after age 16.

Official documentation must be submitted to the Student Health Center. **SOURCES** of immunization records may be obtained from your physician, public health clinic, high school, college, or military records.

If you have had a MMR titer, the Student Health Center will need the official documentation of the three titers and the results of the Lab work. If you do not have documentation of immunity to any or all of these diseases, you will be required to have either a blood test to measure your immunity (called a titer), and/or have the immunizations. You can be immunized at your local public health or private health care provider. These vaccines can be obtained at the Student Health Center and the cost charged to your student account at the business office. A hold will be placed on the registration process of non-compliant students attempting to register for their next term at MSU.

### **Exemptions:**

According to the NDUS policy, students enrolled only in distance learning courses, courses taught off campus, continuing education or noncredit courses, and students in attendance at camps, workshops or programs and classes delivered under contract to a third party are exempt from this policy. Campuses shall grant additional exemptions upon application to and approval by the authorized institution official, under established campus procedures, when: (a) immunization is contraindicated by illness, pregnancy, allergies, or other medical condition certified by a licensed physician; (b) the student has had one immunization and agrees to have a second one no less than one month later; or (c) the student’s beliefs preclude participation in an immunization program.

### **Tuberculosis:**

All incoming students are requested to complete the TB screening documentation form and forward to the Student Health Center prior to registration. Depending on your screening Minot State University may require that you receive TB testing as soon as Possible but at least prior to the start of the subsequent semester. Athletic Training Students will be compliant with the TB policies of the agencies where attending clinical. Athletic Training Students complete their clinical experiences with Trinity Health Certified Athletic Trainers and therefore students must follow the Trinity Health Policy of annual TB testing. TB testing must be completed prior to contact with patients/ athletes in

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a clinical setting and therefore must be completed prior to students return to complete clinical hours for fall practices with proper documentation submitted to the Student Health Center.

**In addition, as per the <http://catalog.minotstateu.edu/graduate/admission-requirements/> website:** Students ages 21 and younger residing in campus housing must provide documentation of immunity against meningococcal disease, as required by the State Board of Higher Education. The **meningitis** immunization must be received within 5 years of enrollment.

### **Registration Holds:**

The University can disallow you to register for the next term's classes for a variety of reasons -e.g., failure to pay fees or to comply with a University requirement. The process of disallowing you to register for classes is called "a hold." The specific department responsible for monitoring compliance with the policies it enforces determines whether a hold is appropriate. A student may therefore have holds placed by multiple departments if he/she is non-compliant in more than one area. Fortunately, holds can be removed quickly once you have documented that you are in compliance.

The SHC is responsible for monitoring student compliance with health policies. If you fail to provide SHC with documentation of required immunizations before the designated pre-registration period for next term's classes, the SHC will enter a code into the People Soft System that will prevent you from registering. The computer will inform you that you have a hold placed by the SHC. Should this happen to you, call the Student Health Center at 858-3371, or come directly to the SHC to find out why we have placed the hold and what you must do to have it removed.

### **Hepatitis B**

Prior to admission students must complete and meet course admission and prerequisites. Students are required to submit proof of immunization with the course admission packet to the Director of the Athletic Training Program. Student who choose not to take HBV immunizations need to provide in writing that they have chosen to decline HBV Immunization (by signing a declination statement). At the current time there are no immunizations for hepatitis C and HIV.

### **Influenza**

"CDC, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), and the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) recommend that all U.S. health care workers get vaccinated annually against influenza." Retrieved from <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/healthcareworkers.htm>, September 28, 2016. Student who choose not to take influenza vaccination need to provide in writing that they have chosen to decline Influenza vaccination (by signing a declination statement). Influenza Immunization annually per CDC recommendations. Students will be compliant with the influenza immunization policies of the agencies where attending clinical. All students who decline a flu shot will sign a declination form which will be kept on file in the ATP office. If students decline the influenza vaccination they will be required to be compliant with the policies of the clinical sites non- vaccinated health care provider policy.

### **Records**

- a. Immunizations, tuberculin and titer records should be mailed or taken directly to the office of the MSU Student Health Center.
- b. Immunization/TB and titer test records are maintained in the office of the MSU Student Health Center.
- c. Students and Faculty will be informed of deficiencies by the MSU Student Health Center.
- d. Additional forms/statements required by cooperating agencies will be submitted to that agency.

Athletic training students who are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of communicable/ infectious disease (body aches, diarrhea, vomiting, fever, chills, any specific signs/symptoms from above listed communicable diseases, from ect.) are to consider the implications of attending classes, clinical

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experiences and activities to themselves and those around them prior to attendance. If an athletic training student is exhibiting any signs or symptoms of communicable/ infectious disease they are to seek medical attention at the cost of the student. The student is responsible for obtaining a medical release from a medical professional prior to returning to the clinical setting.

Bloodborne pathogen training is conducted on a yearly basis to assist in limiting the incidents of exposure to athletic training students through the use of proper bloodborne pathogen protocols. However, there exists a risk in the health care setting of exposure to a bloodborne pathogen. Students with blood and body fluid exposures are to follow the clinical settings agency protocol. The cost will be the responsibility of the student.