

**Manchester University**  
**Athletic Training Education**  
**Student Illness Policy on Communicable Diseases & Hepatitis B Vaccination**

The Manchester University Athletic Training Education Program recognizes the importance of minimizing the exposure of athletes or patients in a clinical setting to communicable diseases. Therefore, it is recommended that athletic training students not report to their clinical site if they have active signs or symptoms of a communicable disease. Active signs or symptoms include, but are not limited to fever, diarrhea, and vomiting.

Athletic Training Students are to immediately notify their assigned preceptor of their status. If an athletic training student feels ill enough to miss more than one day of class or clinical experience, that student should be evaluated by the University Health Services or his/her family physician. Upon review by University Health Services or a physician, the student must furnish the ATEP with notification of his/her health status and ability to participate in the required academic and clinical activities of the program.

All students must attend required OSHA / blood-borne pathogen training annually to learn, practice, and be evaluated as successfully performing all skills and tasks that will assist them in limiting their exposure in health care settings. To limit exposure, students are required to use proper hand washing techniques and practice good hygiene at all times. Students are required to use universal precautions at all time when functioning as an athletic training students in a health care setting and /or when working with potential sources of infectious disease

In the event that a preceptor feels that an athletic training student assigned to his/her site missing an inordinate amount of time due to adherence to the communicable disease policy, he/she should contact the Manchester University Athletic Training Education Program Director and/or the Academic Coordinator of ATEP Clinical Education.

All athletic training students are required to have had the Hepatitis B vaccination series or sign a letter of declination before they can participate in the athletic training program. Proof of immunizations is required by the Health Services Department before a student is allowed to participate in observation or clinical work.

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Athletic Training Student

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Date

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Program Director/ATEP Coordinator of Clinical Education

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