

# Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program Communicable Disease Policy

If an athletic training student becomes ill or contracts a disease which maybe transmittable to a classmate, faculty member, or patient (i.e., common cold, flu, conjunctivitis) and feels unable to attend class and/or a clinical assignment because of the illness *the athletic training student must* contact his/her assigned preceptor, the and the instructors of the academic classes missed (whether the instructor is affiliated with the Missouri Valley College ATP or not) before the athletic training student would be considered late/absent for the obligation. *The clinical or curriculum instructor(s) have full determination if any assignments and/or tests missed during your absence may be “made-up” based on their particular guidelines described in the instructors’ syllabus and according to Missouri Valley College policy.*

If an athletic training student will be unable to attend class or a clinical rotation for more than two consecutive days because of the illness the athletic training student is required to be evaluated by the Missouri Valley College Student Health Center (or a qualified medical professional) for their health and the health of others (i.e., classmates, instructor, preceptors, athletes/patients/clients, coaches) to determine if the condition is potentially communicable and/or requires further treatment. If the Missouri Valley College Student Health Center (or a qualified medical professional) believes the athletic training student should refrain from contact with others because the illness may be spread amongst others *the athletic training student must* inform the program director, clinical education coordinator, his/her individual preceptor, and any classroom instructor(s) to avoid any unfair penalties from these parties. The athletic training student must also inform these parties of the (approximate) time absence is expected because of this specific condition. The athletic training student must comply with any request for further evaluation (i.e., specialized physician, blood work, x-ray) if the Missouri Valley College Student Health Center (or a qualified medical professional) deems it necessary.

If a preceptor determines that an athletic training student is ill and the condition is potentially communicable to other individuals (i.e., athletes, patients, staff) the preceptor may require the athletic training student to leave the facility and return when the symptoms have resolved. The preceptor may request the athletic training student leave the facility regardless of any deficiency in the athletic training students’ clinical hours or performance of education competencies. The athletic training student must arrange a future time with the preceptor to “make-up” any deficiencies created by leaving the facility.

The athletic training student may request an extended leave of absence from Missouri Valley College as described in the Missouri Valley College course catalog. An extended leave of absence may delay your date of graduation.

Additionally, to prevent the spread of the flu virus certain clinical sites require athletic training students receive an annual flu shot. The Missouri Valley College Student Health Center will immunize athletic training students annually. If an athletic training student chooses to not obtain a flu shot s/he may be prevented from attending any clinical rotation at that facility or must abide by any protective measures (i.e., wearing a mask during patient care) that facility deems necessary and is in-line with the policy of that clinical site.

The undersigned athletic training student understands this policy and agrees to abide by it while enrolled in the Missouri Valley College Athletic Training Program.

Athletic Training Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Training Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_