

Title: Infection Control

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Areas Affected: All BSMSO Faculty

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Policy Statement

The School of Nursing operates within the policies of Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center as outlined in the infection control policies of the Employee Wellness Services (see policies online <http://bsrweb/ews/FileUploads/EmployeeexposureContagiousDisease.pdf>). Each student, faculty, and staff member is responsible for abiding by these policies to ensure protection of self and others.

PURPOSE – To reduce risk of spreading communicable diseases from employee to patients, co-workers and the public.

PROCEDURE

1. A student who develops or is exposed to a communicable disease must immediately report the diagnosis or details of the exposure to his/her faculty member or to Employee Wellness. This requirement includes the reporting of test results indicating the presence of a communicable illness, whether or not the student has active symptoms. The student is expected to cooperate in providing relevant medical information. Failing to report the illness, test results, or exposure or to provide relevant information may result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal.
2. The School reserves the right to determine appropriate action on a case-by-case basis, depending upon the nature of disease, the prognosis, and the clinical duties. A student will not be permitted to continue to work if his/her medical condition endangers patients, employees or the public.
3. All students will be monitored by their faculty/preceptor for strict adherence to standard precautions.

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4. Students with the following symptoms will be evaluated by the faculty or the Employee Wellness nurse for possible removal from clinical and direct patient care.
 - a) positive Strep throat culture
 - b) fever >100.5; must be afebrile for 24 hours before returning to class or clinical
 - c) conjunctivitis
 - d) diarrhea and/or vomiting
 - e) herpetic whitlow
 - f) open or draining wounds

STANDARD PRECAUTIONS GUIDELINES

1. The student will be educated regarding the epidemiology, modes of transmission, and prevention of infection. Students will adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Wash hands after using the restroom.
 - b. Practice good personal hygiene.
 - c. Wear gloves for procedures that involve direct contact with mucous membranes or non-intact skin.
 - d. Wear gloves if there is any chance a patient may be exposed to your blood or body fluids.
 - e. Students who have exudative lesions or weeping dermatitis will refrain from all direct patient care and from handling patient-care equipment until the condition resolves.
 - f. Be cautious of any practices where saliva may be transmitted. i.e. mouth to mouth resuscitation, suctioning, etc.
2. Students with evidence of any illness that may compromise his/her ability to perform in clinical must abide by the faculty members directions as noted in the syllabus.

GUIDELINES – For guidelines on infectious diseases that could prevent students from working in a direct patient care capacity, see Table 3 on the above website.