

CLOUD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Communicable Disease - Procedures

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Persons who know or who have reason to believe that they are infected with a communicable disease have an ethical and legal obligation to conduct themselves in accordance with such knowledge in order to protect themselves and others. Students who have communicable diseases, whether symptomatic or not, will be allowed regular classroom, activity, and work attendance in an unrestrictive manner as long as they are physically able to attend classes, college activities and/or work and do not pose a medically proven threat for transmission of the disease or condition. Isolation and quarantine precautions as stated in K.A.R. 28-1-6 shall be followed.

Persons who are infected with a communicable disease are expected to seek expert medical advice and are encouraged to notify local health authorities. Local health authorities should offer counseling to these persons about measures which can be taken to prevent the spread of infection and about ways to protect their own health.

Students who know that they are infected with a communicable disease are urged to share that information with the Vice President for Student Services so that the College may respond appropriately to their needs. Medical information relating to the communicable diseases of a student will be disclosed to responsible college officials only on a strictly limited need-to-know basis.

No person, group, agency, insurer, employer, or institution should be provided any medical information without the prior specific written consent of a student unless required or allowed by state and/or federal law. Furthermore, all medical information relating to the communicable diseases of students will be kept confidential, according to state and federal law, including the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

In the case of a contagious disease outbreak, local and state health officials will be consulted and the Cloud County Community College Crisis Management Plan will be followed.

Tuberculosis

Kansas Statute (65-129e) requires postsecondary institutions to maintain tuberculosis evaluation requirements. Cloud County Community College requires all students attending classes at one of its campuses to, at minimum, complete a tuberculosis screening questionnaire. Students may be subject to further evaluation based upon their answers to the screening questions. CCCC consults with the local health department to determine if further evaluation is required. Any cost associated with the screening or evaluation process shall be the responsibility of the student.

Students who fail to complete the screening process are prohibited from attending classes, enrolling in subsequent semesters, or obtaining official transcripts or diplomas until they comply. The Vice President for Student Services ensures that students are in compliance with this expectation. Screening results are maintained in the student's education record file by the Student Records office for a minimum of five (5) years.

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Any positive test results will be reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment in accordance with the statute.

Appropriate Handling of Potentially Contaminated Material

For specific plan language, refer to the “Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan” (Policy F19) adopted by Cloud County Community College. A listing of students who might require such training would include, but not be limited to, trainers for contact sports and nursing students. The Vice-President for Student Services is expected to ensure that training has been provided to the necessary students. On a yearly basis the Vice-President for Student Services should certify to the President that this has been accomplished.

Housing

Refer to the Residence Life Handbook.