

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE POLICY

SBC will make decisions regarding contagious diseases based on the best available information and professional judgment on a case-by-case basis. The college remains open to re-examination of the issues as new or/and additional information becomes available.

DEFINITION: Contagious disease (Communicable disease) - A disease whose causative agents may pass or be carried from one person to another directly or indirectly. Modes of transmission include (1) direct contact with body excretions or discharges from an ulcer, open sore, or respiratory tract; (2) indirect contact with inanimate objects such as drinking glasses, toys, computer keyboards; and (3) vectors such as flies, mosquitoes, or other insects capable of spreading the disease.

PROCEDURE:

1. A student who is aware of being infected with a contagious disease is required to report the disease to the Vice President of Operations.
2. A team of college personnel, directed by the Vice President of Operations shall be responsible for institutional decisions relative to any person with a contagious disease who is known to us and is part of, or has applied to become part of, the college community. This group shall rely heavily on advice and information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC). If the contagious disease is found to be serious in nature, which could lead to an epidemic, the Emergency Task Force will be assembled, and the EOP (emergency operation plan) will be activated.
3. As a general rule, a student with a contagious disease who does not pose a health risk to others should not be segregated from their normal involvement in the college community.
4. A student with a contagious disease may be required to submit to regular monitoring and medical attention to maintain an up-to-date record of their condition.
5. Such persons' names shall not be disclosed to the public unless it is the desire of the person to have such information known.
6. The college may require, in certain circumstances, that such persons disclose his or her medical condition to others with whom he or she might have especially close contact (e.g. instructors and Indian Health Service personnel or other hospital personnel).
7. The college shall provide to the college community up-to-date information and educational programming with regards to contagious disease.
8. In those instances where the student may create health concerns to others or may risk infecting others by their mere physical presence on campus, the student will not be allowed to attend classes or be on the college campus.
9. A doctor's statement indicating that the student is no longer contagious will be required before the student is allowed back into classes or on the college campus.