

03.17.00 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Division: **Student Services**
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A communicable disease is one that is spread from one person to another person through a variety of ways which may include contact with blood and bodily fluids, breathing in an airborne virus, or being bitten by an insect.

For purposes of this policy, communicable diseases are those defined by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Examples of communicable diseases are common cold, flu, chickenpox, malaria, tuberculosis, and diphtheria.

Unlike a cold, the flu, or other common communicable diseases, a communicable disease may last for months or even a lifetime.

The College's decisions involving persons who have communicable diseases shall be based on current and well-informed medical judgments concerning the disease, the risks of transmitting the illness to others, the symptoms and special circumstances of the individual who has a communicable disease, and a careful weighing of the identified risks and the available alternative for responding to a student with a communicable disease. The College will reference the Communicable Diseases School Nurse Guidance (Illinois. Gov) for exclusionary time frames. The College will comply with state and federal mandates which may, from time to time, be required with respect to the administration of the College relating to communicable diseases.

Students with communicable diseases may attend College whenever, through reasonable accommodation, the risk of transmission of the disease and/or the risk of further injury to the student is sufficiently remote in such setting so as to be outweighed by the detrimental effects resulting from the student's exclusion from College. The determination of whether a student with a communicable disease may attend College shall be made in accordance with Institutional Procedure 03.17.00.00 Communicable Diseases.

Related Institutional Procedures:

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