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| OCHSNER CLINICAL SCHOOL POLICY | Policy #: OCS 400.8 |
| Title: Exposure to Infection with Communicable Diseases | |

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to insure protection for Xavier University of Louisiana PA students and patients from exposure to or infection with any infectious diseases. It is the policy of the institution to require that all students, employees, volunteers, and contract personnel follow the guidelines stated in the Ochsner Health System (OHS) Personnel Health Guidelines.

POLICY STATEMENT/PROCEDURES

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RELATED POLICIES

Xavier University of Louisiana Physician Assistant Program Student Attendance Policy

Xavier University of Louisiana Physician Assistant Program Student Incident Form

OCHSNER HEALTH SYSTEM-PERSONNEL HEALTH GUIDELINES
Adapted from CDC PERSONNEL HEALTH GUIDELINES

Summary of Suggested Work Restrictions for Healthcare Personnel Exposed to or Infected with Infectious Diseases of Importance in Healthcare Settings in the Absence of State and Local Regulations (Modified from Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommendations)

| DISEASE/PROBLEM | WORK RESTRICTIONS | DURATION |
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| Conjunctivitis | Restrict from patient contact & contact with | Until discharge ceases. |
| Cytomegalovirus Infections | No restrictions | |
| Diarrheal Diseases: Acute stage (diarrhea with other symptoms) Convalescent Stage, Salmonella Species | Restrict Restrict from care of high risk patients | Until symptoms resolve; consult with local & state health authorities regarding need for negative stool cultures. |
| Diphtheria | Exclude from duty | Until antimicrobial therapy completed & 2 cultures obtained 24 hrs apart are negative. |
| Enteroviral Infections | Restrict from care of infants, neonates, & immunocompromised patients & their environments. | Until symptoms resolve |
| Hepatitis A | Restrict from patient contact, contact with food handling. | Until 7 days after onset of jaundice |
| Hepatitis B Personnel with acute or chronic hepatitis B surface antigenemia who do not perform exposure-prone procedures. Personnel with acute or chronic hepatitis B e antigenemia who perform exposure-prone procedures | No restrictions*; refer to state regulations; standard precautions should always be observed. Determine on a case by case basis | Until hepatitis B e antigen is negative |
| Hepatitis C | No recommendation | |

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| Human Immunodeficiency Virus | Determined on a case by case basis | |
| Measles: Active Postexposure (susceptible personnel) | Exclude from duty Exclude from duty | Until 7 days after the rash appears From 5 th day after first exposure through 21 st day after last exposure &/or 4 days after rash appears. |
| Meningococcal Infections | Exclude from duty | Until 24 hrs after start of effective therapy .255 reW* n /P A |

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| Staphylococcus Aureus Infection Active, draining skin lesions | environment or food handling. | Until lesions have resolved |
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