

**Moravian University Master of Science in Athletic Training Program**  
**Communicable Disease Policy**

During completion of clinical education, exposure to patients suffering from communicable diseases is inevitable. As such, students completing clinical education should carefully follow all clinical sites and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to prevent the transmission of communicable diseases. However, even when following such safety guidelines, it remains possible that students may contract communicable diseases. As a student enrolled in a graduate health professions program, requiring clinical education experiences, students must assume the risk of such exposure.

A communicable disease is an illness due to a specific infectious agent which can be transmitted from one individual to another. A communicable disease may be transmitted directly from one person to another without physical contact with the infected person. It may be transmitted indirectly when an object transmits the organism. Objects of transmission may be clothing, linens, utensils, food, water, milk, air, soil or insects.

Students that are determined by a physician as having an active communicable disease will be required to take a medical leave of absence from class and/or clinical experience until cleared by the same physician. At that time, the student will determine, with the Program Director and Director of Clinical Education, a plan to make up the academic and/or clinical education requirements.

Examples of communicable diseases are:

- Rubella (3-day measles)
- Rubeola (9-day measles)
- Meningitis - viral and bacterial
- Hepatitis A
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Influenza
- Mononucleosis
- COVID virus

Students who have any of the following signs and/or symptoms may have contracted a communicable disease. Students who experience any of the following signs or symptoms should be examined by a physician prior to attending class or clinical education experience.

- Fever
- Skin rash
- Nasal discharge
- Cough
- Open and/or oozing skin lesions
- Yellowing of the skin, eyes, or mouth
- Unexplained fatigue
- Chest pain
- Dizziness

Any student who comes in contact with a communicable disease or experiences any of the above signs and/or symptoms will be referred to the Moravian University Student Health Center or a physician of his or her choice. The costs associated with the referral and any additional care will be the responsibility of the student's primary insurance and the student.

My signature below states that I have read, understand, and will adhere to the Moravian University MSAT Program's Communicable Disease Policy. I have been provided an opportunity to seek clarification and ask questions of program administrators as needed.

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Student Printed Name

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Student Signature

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Date