

**Applies To: Students**

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**BACKGROUND:**

ARC-PA Standard A3.08 states *the program must define, publish, make readily available and consistently apply policies addressing student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards before students undertake any educational activities which would place them at risk. Those policies must: a) address methods of prevention, b) address procedures for care and treatment after exposure, and c) clearly define financial responsibility.*

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure clear understanding and education for student exposure to infectious and environmental hazards, and also to address methods of prevention, procedure for care and treatment, and also to determine financial responsibility.

**POLICY:**

In accordance with ARC-PA standard A3.08, it is a mandatory requirement while enrolled in the CMU PA Program to have health insurance coverage. Students are responsible for any costs incurred in treating injuries and illness during matriculation in the PA Program including during the clinical year (e.g., needle stick or bodily fluid exposure) and during didactic instruction. All students enrolled in the CMU PA program will undergo annual OSHA training through Success factors, the online module training program at CMU.

Following an exposure, once the student has followed the clinical site's protocol or protocol of the University if occurs on campus, the affected students must contact the Director of Clinical Education within 24 hours. The student must also complete the **STUDENT EXPOSURE FORM/Incident Form provided by the program** and follow the directions at the top of the form. Subsequently, it is filed in the PA office for tracking, with a copy sent to CMU Risk Management.

**PROCEDURE:**

While enrolled in the CMU PA Program, the students will undergo OSHA training annually. In the event of an exposure, the student will notify the clinical site, instructor (if in didactic year), and also the Director of Clinical Education immediately. The CMU Incident form will be completed by the student. Any further forms deemed necessary by the clinical site will also be completed. All forms will be submitted to the CMU PA program for review. They will be uploaded to the database Typhon as well. The Director of Clinical Education will then inform Risk Management at CMU and submit all documentation accordingly.

The students are notified during New student orientation, and also clinical year orientation, as well written documentation stating such in both didactic and clinical year handbooks stating that they must carry their own personal health insurance, and that all medical costs, even in the case of an exposure in a clinical site, are the students financial responsibility.



## Student Exposure Policy

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Approved by Faculty Executive Committee on June 17, 2023

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Date

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