



Student Exposure Policy

APPLIES TO: Students

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, health insurance coverage is mandatory while enrolled in the CMU PA Program. Students are responsible for any costs incurred in treating injuries and illnesses 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 the University's protocol if it 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:

The students will undergo OSHA training annually while enrolled in the CMU PA Program. In the event of an exposure, the student will immediately notify the clinical site, instructor (if in didactic year), and the Director of Clinical Education. The student will complete the CMU Incident form. 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 clinical year orientation, and written documentation stating this is included in both didactic and clinical year handbooks. The students must carry their own personal health insurance and are responsible for all medical costs, even in the case of exposure in a clinical site.



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