The purpose of the UNM-ATEP Communicable Disease Policy is to protect the health and safety of the students enrolled in the UNM-ATEP. Healthcare personnel are at risk for exposure to infectious diseases. This policy was developed using the recommendations established by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for health care workers (www.cdc.gov) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) (www.osha.gov).

Athletic training students (ATS) are required to complete an annual blood-borne pathogens training prior to participating in clinical education. In addition, ATS are required to follow all Universal Precautions as set forth by:

- Center for Disease Control (CDC) (www.cdc.gov)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) (www.osha.gov)
- University of New Mexico Student Health and Counseling (shac.unm.edu)

Blood-borne Pathogens Guidelines:

1. Utilize proper hand washing techniques and practice good hygiene
2. Utilize Universal Precautions when exposed to blood and other potentially infectious materials
3. Dispose of biohazard waste appropriately and in accordance with the policies and procedures at each affiliated site
4. Follow the post-exposure plan for the affiliated site
5. Notify the Preceptor and UNM-ATEP Faculty of any incident / exposure
   - Seek medical attention as necessary
6. Students are responsible for notifying Preceptor(s) and UNM-ATEP Faculty of any illnesses, infections or other medical reasons that may expose / infect others
7. Students may be required to provide written documentation from a physician to return to class and the affiliated site