

INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

It is the policy of the Diablo Valley College Dental Hygiene Program to protect the privacy and confidentiality of any faculty member, student, or staff member who have tested positively for an infectious disease. Dental personnel who pose a risk of transmitting an infectious disease must consult with appropriate health care professionals to determine whether continuing to provide professional services represents a material risk to the client. If a dental faculty member, student or staff member learns that continuing to provide professional services represents a material risk to clients, the person shall so inform the program coordinator. If so informed, the program coordinator will take steps consistent with the advice of appropriate health care professionals and with the current federal, state, and/or local guidelines to ensure that such individuals not engage in any professional activity that would create a risk of transmission of the infection to others.

The program coordinator will facilitate the tracking of testing faculty, staff, and students for those infectious diseases presenting a documented risk to dental personnel and clients. Hepatitis vaccine and appropriate vaccine follow-up to employees such as faculty and staff will be available in accordance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.

Also, in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, all students will:

- (1) be immunized against the hepatitis B virus prior to their clinical training;
- (2) demonstrate proof of immunity to Hepatitis B

Appropriate faculty, staff, and students are required to be immunized against hepatitis B as well as other infectious diseases such as: mumps, measles, and rubella using standard medical practices. In addition, the Diablo Valley College Dental Hygiene Program requires students be tested annually for tuberculosis (TB).

POLICY ON INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BLOODBORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASE(S)

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DENTAL PROGRAMS

Diablo Valley College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in any of its policies, procedures or practices as noted previously. That includes individuals who have bloodborne infectious disease(s). The Human Immunodeficiency Virus-seropositive student, patient, faculty or staff member has rights as a legally handicapped individual. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 grants specific benefits including the right to access health care, education, housing etc.

A faculty member or student involved in providing patient care who may pose a risk of transmitting bloodborne infectious agents should consult with appropriate health care professionals to determine whether continuing to provide patient care represents any material risk to the patient and, if so, should not engage in any professional activity that would create a risk of transmission of the disease to others as recommended by the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS).

Until Federal legislation addressing HIV-1 testing of health care workers and a decision about disclosure of the healthcare worker's HIV-1 status to the patient is enacted, we will follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Recommendations regarding the practice of health care workers infected with HIV or Hepatitis B (HBV) as well as American Dental Association's interim policy to request that HIV infected students or faculty refrain from performing invasive (exposure prone) procedures or to disclose their seropositive status to patients (gain informed consent) until the uncertainty about transmission is resolved.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The colleges of the District Shall:

- Cooperate with local health officers in measures necessary for the prevention and control of communicable diseases in students.
- Comply with any immunization programs required by State Department of Health Services regulations.

Education Code Section 76403

Historical Annotation
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