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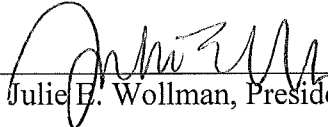
Policy: **REPORTABLE DISEASES**

Policy No.

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INTENT

It is the intent of this policy to provide guidance on how to properly inform the Pennsylvania Department of Health and/or Erie County Department of Health of any reportable diseases to monitor the spread of infectious illness and in order to promote actions to prevent such transmission.

POLICY

According to the Pennsylvania Code, Title 28, Chapter 27, communicable diseases must be reported to the county/city health department of the patient's residence. Refer to most recent List of Reportable Diseases from the Pennsylvania Department of Health

PROCEDURE

- A. Method of Reporting: Report of cases of diseases shall be made via phone within the appropriate number of hours/days. Report of communicable diseases is also completed using the on-line Pennsylvania National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (PA-NEDSS) form.
- B. Who Shall Report: Report of cases of diseases shall be made by the Director of the Ghering Health and Wellness Center or the nurse/provider who has knowledge of a person suffering from a disease presumably communicable or suspected of being communicable.

C. Communicable Disease Outbreak/Infection Control Plan: Provides a general description of the process in which an infectious disease would be handled at the University. These procedures are a guide and may be altered on a case-by-case basis to best minimize the morbidity and mortality of the University community. The plan includes the following:

- Analyze and survey the infectious disease outbreak utilizing all of the appropriate measures to reduce the spread of infection among the University community.
- Notifying the University's Emergency Response Team to plan, prepare and respond to a severe infectious disease emergency.
- Create and disseminate a community health education strategy via the appropriate departments.
- Re-evaluate and review the preparation and response strategies throughout the situation.
- Work collaboratively with external resources to ensure all medical mechanisms are communicated and implemented to address the health and wellbeing of the University community while minimizing the impact upon the University's operations.