

Policy Title: Student Exposure to Infectious and Environmental Hazards		Policy #:
Accountable Dean or Director: Senior Associate Dean for Student Affairs		
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RELEVANT LCME STANDARDS:

12.8: Student Exposure Policies/Procedures

PURPOSE AND SCOPE:

This policy describes the mandatory training, education, and resources to insure our students understand how to protect themselves against infectious and environmental hazards. This applies to Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai medical students and visiting students.

POLICY:

1. All students are held to the Institution's Infection Control Policies and Procedures.
2. Students must receive education and training regarding the methods of prevention of exposure to infectious and environmental hazards. Instruction will include the use of adequate barrier protection (gloves, safety glasses, mask, gown, etc.), sharps precautions, and hand washing/hygiene, as well as other relevant health care worker standards put forth by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).
3. If a student has a Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Splash/or Bodily Fluid Exposure (BBFE) the student is instructed to seek medical care immediately and to report the incident to the unit nurse manager and to Student Health. Specific procedures for care and treatment after exposure is described in the Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Splash/or Bodily Fluid Exposure (BBFE) Medical Student Protocol
4. Students will have no obligation for payment for any services related to exposure to infectious or environmental hazards. Students should not provide any insurance information for their visits to the emergency room or any other care environment related to the Medical Student protocol.
5. ISMMS is committed to providing healthy and safe environment for its patients and students. The Office of Student Affairs will work with the student to modify the educational activities of immunocompromised students for whom patients may pose unwarranted risks or infected students who may pose unwarranted risks to patients. Every effort is made to maintain the integrity and equivalency of the student's modified educational experience.

6. In order to be able to participate in clinical educational activities (e.g. Art and Science of Medicine, clerkships, electives, and other clinical activities) all medical students must meet the compliance requirements of the School of Medicine, affiliated hospitals and clinical sites. To ensure that all students are in compliance and able to participate in clinical educational activities, the Medical Education office monitors compliance and notifies students when they need to update their status.

PROCEDURES

1. ISMMS students are required to take OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen training annually and NYS Infection Control training every four years.
2. ISMMS students are provided with a Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Blood Body Fluid Exposure (BBFE) badge cards at the start of each academic year. Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Blood Body Fluid Exposure (BBFE) protocol is also housed in the medinfo.mssm.edu app, which all students, residents and faculty have access to.
3. Needlestick procedures are included in a mandatory policy video that ISMMS students attest to at the beginning Year 3. Effective 2019, students also re-attest to understanding this policy at the start of clerkship with the Clerkship Orientation video.
4. ISMMS are mask fit tested on an annual basis.
5. Flu shots are mandated during flu season for all ISMMS and visiting medical students.
6. Visiting students are required to take the New York State Infection Control training and mask fit testing. They receive BBFE Medical Student Protocol and the Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Blood Body Fluid Exposures (BBFE) when they arrive on campus for visiting student orientation.

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND POLICIES

- Needlestick/Puncture Wound/Splash/or Bodily Fluid Exposure (BBFE) Medical Student Protocol
- Standard Precautions to Prevent the Transmission of Bloodborne Pathogens and Other Pathogens
- Policy on Respiratory Protection Requirements
- Medical Student Compliance Protocol and Requirements