



# Caring for Patients with Infectious Diseases

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## Scope

Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC) Division of Health Sciences students.

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## Policy Statement

Students may not refuse to treat or care for a patient solely because the patient is at risk of contracting, or already has, an infectious condition.

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## Reason for Policy

To ensure quality care for all patients/clients cared for by faculty, staff, and students.

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## Procedures

1. Renew training on universal/standard precautions at least annually.
2. Incorporate universal/standard precautions into clinical practice.
3. Pregnant students may be restricted from the care of patients/clients affected by, but not limited to, varicella, rubella, and cytomegalovirus (CMV), as recommended by the student's healthcare provider. The student's healthcare provider will provide recommendations as needed.

4. Students may be required to complete the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) accepted pulmonary fit testing protocol as defined by the specific hospital policy of the student's clinical experience.
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## Sanctions

Appropriate use of universal/standard precautions or personal protective equipment in clinical practice should prevent exposure to infection. In addition, it is the responsibility of faculty and students to care for patients regardless of their disease process.

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## History

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