



## CLINICAL EXPOSURE POLICY

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<b>CATEGORY:</b>	Academic Programs		
<b>APPLIES TO:</b>	Students in the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) Program		

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### REFERENCES AND RELATED POLICIES:

- MSU Office of the University Physician (UPHYS) Healthcare Professional Student Information for Exposure to Tuberculosis, Bloodborne Pathogens & Zoonotic Diseases
- MSUCOM COVID Policies
  - Clerkship COVID Policy

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### PURPOSE

This policy will define the policy and procedure following disease exposure during clinical encounters. Example of diseases include TB, HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, Monkey B, and Rabies. Students should consult the Clerkship COVID Policy for policy/procedure related to COVID-19 exposure.

### POLICY AND PROCEDURE

1. **MSUCOM students who are on clinical experiences as part of preclerkship or clerkship requirements will be expected to utilize appropriate clinical precautions and abide by applicable policies and procedures of the college and the clinical training site. More information is available on the MSU Office of the University Physician (UPHYS) website.**
2. **In the event of an exposure, students must-**
  - a. **Seek first aid immediately.**
    - i. **First aid includes immediately washing or flushing exposure site for 15 minutes.**
      1. **Needlesticks and broken skin should be washed with soap and water.**
      2. **Splashes to the nose, mouth, or skin should be flushed with water.**
      3. **Eyes should be irrigated with clean water, saline or sterile irrigants**
  - b. **Report/Post Exposure Evaluation-Clinical Rotation Site**

- i. Students must report the exposure to the clinical supervisors immediately after completing first aid.
      - 1. The clinical supervisor will direct the student to the appropriate site policies/procedures and post-exposure evaluation. Alternately, the site student coordinator, or nursing manager/emergency department (if after hours) can direct a student to proper site protocols and post-exposure evaluation. In most instances, post-exposure evaluation will occur in the rotation site emergency department or rotation site employee health department.
        - a. Post exposure evaluation should occur immediately after first aid.
          - i. Post exposure evaluation may include-
            - 1. Patient bloodwork for communicable diseases
            - 2. Student bloodwork, both immediate and future scheduled draws, for communicable diseases
            - 3. Discussion of post exposure prophylaxis
          - ii. Post exposure care guidelines can be found on the UPHYS website.
      - 2. Students should be aware that any emergency department evaluation and related costs would not be considered an employee workplace injury as the student is not an employee of the clinical site. The student/student medical insurance is responsible for any costs related to the exposure.
  - c. Report-MSU
    - i. Students must report the exposure to the following MSU team members-
      - 1. Clerkship students must report the exposure to the Associate Dean for Clerkship Education-Dr. Enright via email at either [enright4@msu.edu](mailto:enright4@msu.edu) or [com.clerkship@msu.edu](mailto:com.clerkship@msu.edu) AND
      - 2. UPHYS. The UPHYS will require a completed document (Healthcare Professional Students Exposure Report) due after the exposure.
        - a. The Healthcare Professional Students Report is found on the MSU UPHYS website.
    - d. Students working in research laboratories on campus with potentially hazardous agents or materials should consult and abide by laboratory policies and procedures
- 3. Hotline
  - a. MSU provides a 24-hour hotline if you need any medical help and information. The hotline number is 1-877-STUCK50 or 1-877-788-2550