



Policy Name:	Infectious Disease Prevention
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**Purpose**

The close quarters in which students live and attend classes makes a university campus an environment susceptible to infectious disease outbreaks. In accordance with recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Northwest has implemented the following requirements to protect the public health and safety of its community.

**Policy**

Northwest prohibits any currently enrolled student who has been diagnosed with an infectious disease listed below by a duly licensed health care professional (“Provider”) from continuing to attend classes and/or reside in on-campus housing until the student has sought medical treatment and provides the Wellness Center with documentation from the diagnosing Provider that the student no longer poses a threat of infection to others. Infectious diseases covered under this Policy present a serious public health threat and include:

- Tuberculosis (TB)
- Measles, Mumps or Rubella
- Chickenpox
- Hepatitis B
- Meningococcal Meningitis
- Tetanus
- Diphtheria

While Northwest strictly enforces this Policy, university personnel will work with a student who has been precluded from class attendance due to diagnosis with one of the aforementioned infectious diseases to support them in completing their coursework in a manner that complies with Northwest academic requirements. Options may include remote or online learning, or an individualized course of study as agreed upon between the student and professor. With respect to a student prohibited from continuing to live in on campus housing, Northwest will assist the student with finding alternative living arrangements until the student no longer presents a threat of infecting others.