



Policy and Procedures

Date: September 2, 2016

Subject: Student Health and Safety Plan

Purpose

This Health and Medical Emergency Plan was developed to help protect the students, faculty, staff, and guests of Saint Michael College of Allied Health.

Procedures

There are two First Aid Boxes located in the building

Medical Transportation

- Saint Michael College of Allied Health will not submit payment for ambulance transportation.
- Individuals refusing transportation by ambulance are solely responsible for the decision. An individual cannot be forced to accept medical assistance.
- Individuals refusing ambulance transportation to a medical facility will be responsible for their transportation to a medical facility (i.e., friend, family member, etc.).
- Should an employee or student decide to transport an individual, that employee or student does so under personal liability. Saint Michael College of Allied Health will not assume responsibility for consequences resulting from such transportation.

Heat Disorders and Advisories

Sometimes the summers may pose a special danger to persons who work or exercise outdoors. The National Weather Service issues heat advisories based on the above scale when forecasted temperature and humidity values may pose a danger.

Heat Disorders can occur from any of the following conditions:

- Prolonged exposure to the sun
- Dehydration
- High temperature-humidity indices
- Overexertion

The range of heat disorders are:

- Sunburn — Redness, and pain to the exposed skin area.
- Heat cramps — Painful spasms, usually in the legs and abdomen.
- Heat exhaustion — Heavy sweating, weakness, skin that is cold to the touch, nausea and possible fainting.
- Heatstroke/Sunstroke — High body temperature, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse, and possible unconsciousness.



- Persons experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stroke require immediate medical assistance. Call 911.

Pandemic

In the event of a pandemic, Saint Michael College of Allied Health will notify the District of Columbia Department of health to establish plans and procedures to respond. A pandemic is a widespread illness caused by a specific organism identified through epidemiology and surveillance and the results reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

During a pandemic event, Saint Michael College of Allied Health will operate its response in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) so that coordination with local, state and federal agencies can occur promptly.

The initial response may include, but is not limited to:

- Classroom announcements and door posters advising students and employees of the symptoms and precautions to guard against transmission of the illness
- Availability of special items to guard against illness transmission (i.e., hand sanitizer, face masks, etc.)

If the District of Columbia is placed under a “special” or an “emergency” order from the Department of Public Health, the following actions may be taken. These may include, but not limited to, the initial and secondary provisions listed above, plus cancellation of classes and closure of college facilities for an indeterminate amount of time.

It is important to realize that while a personal illness of influenza may last up to two weeks, a pandemic event may last up to two months or may come in waves. It may be necessary to increase or decrease the levels of response based on the number of cases being reported to Public Health. Public Health may change the response profile several times over a period of weeks or months during a pandemic.

The general guidelines during any period in which colds and other illnesses are being spread are:

- Wash your hands frequently.
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if hand-washing facilities are not available.
- Cover your cough.
- Avoid people who are coughing and sneezing.
- If advised by your physician, get the annual flu shot.
- If you are ill, avoid exposing other members of the public.
- Avoid travel if possible.
- Avoid areas where large groups of people congregate. Practice “social distancing” of at least 6 feet or more.



- If you exhibit symptoms of illness, visit your physician. The effects of some illnesses can be lessened if treated early.
- If you fall into a high-risk group, please consult your physician about any special measures you should take.

Flu Vaccine

While the college encourages all faculty, employees, and staff to receive the flu vaccine annually, it is mandatory for clinical faculty and nursing students.

Evaluation

This plan shall be evaluated annually by faculty and advisory committee and, if necessary, recommend revisions and the results shall be shared with faculty and staff.

References

Saint Michael College of Allied Health Student Handbook:

Review Periodicity and Responsibility

Faculty and Advisory Committee shall review this policy annually and, if necessary, recommend revisions.

Effective Date and Approval

This policy is effective upon its approval by the College President on September 2, 2017.

Policy Approved by Michael Adedokun, Ph.D., RN, CNE, NE-BC (President)

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