

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Policy Manual

SUBJECT: Communicable Disease

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1. Education

The primary response of colleges and universities to the AIDS epidemic and to other communicable diseases must be education as follows:

- A. Colleges and universities must provide educational resources to all participants in the school setting: *i. e.*, students, faculty support services, etc. The resources will be in the form of literature, lectures, symposia, video cassettes, etc.
- B. Educational efforts will keep pace with new developments.
- C. A team of experts from the university, the Health Department, and the School of Medicine is encouraged to visit campuses on a rotating schedule to present educational information and answer questions.
- D. Educational efforts will stress the current state of medical knowledge concerning the risk of acquiring AIDS.
- E. Public Health information will be emphasized.
- F. Each campus will assign responsibility for educational programs to an individual who will formulate the programs.

2. Student Services

- A. Students with AIDS, AIDS-related complex (ARC), positive HIV antibody or other communicable diseases will have access to student unions, theaters, restaurants, cafeterias, snack bars, gymnasiums, swimming pools, or other common areas. However, the college or university may require restriction from specific areas if such activities would jeopardize student health and safety.
- B. Health officials will be familiar with sources for testing antibodies. Counseling

will be arranged by the initial physician ordering test.

- C. Health Services will be available to provide regular medical follow-up for persons with AIDS, ARC, or HIV antibody positive test. Special precautions to prevent contagious diseases (chicken pox or measles) may be necessary.
- D. Health Services will observe public health reporting requirements to local and public health authorities.
- E. Immunocompromised individuals, may with certification from the individual's physician, be excused from institutional requirements for certain live virus vaccinations, i.e., rubella and measles, because of the potential consequences to such persons.
- F. Medical information regarding individuals with AIDS, ARC, or antibody positive status will not be provided to any person, group, agency, insurer, etc., without the written permission of the student, provided, however, written permission of the student is not required for public health reporting purposes.

3. Institutional Response

Institutions under the control of the Board of Regents will follow the guidelines set out below related to individuals with AIDS, ARC, HIV positive status, or other communicable diseases.

- A. No otherwise qualified individual will, solely by reason of his AIDS, ARC, or HIV antibody positive status, or because of the presence of any other communicable disease, be denied admission to a university or college or be denied access to its services or programs. Decision will be based on reasonable medical judgment given the state of medical knowledge about (a) the nature of the risk, (b) the duration of the risk, (c) the severity of the risk, and (d) the probabilities the disease will be transmitted and will cause varying degrees of harm.
- B. Students with AIDS, ARC, HIV antibody positive status or other communicable diseases may attend regular classroom sessions. Restrictions may be placed on a student if the student has contagious diseases arising from the immunodeficiency syndrome or if the individual's behavior appears to endanger other persons.
- C. Students with AIDS, ARC, or HIV antibody positive status assignments in residential housing will be determined by the college or university on a case-by-case basis. Alternative housing is suggested.

- D. Safety guidelines consistent with public health recommendations will be adopted for the handling of blood and body fluids of all individuals, not just those previously known to have blood borne infections.
- E. Safety guidelines will be adopted for handling blood and bodily fluids in classroom settings in which either may be part of the course work, such as in biology classes or medical technology classes.
- F. Individuals and organizations that attempt to impose restrictions on HIV carriers other than those authorized by the Board will be subject to discipline including expulsion, termination for cause, or, in the case of organizations, withdrawal of recognition.

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