I. Policy Statement

The UNT Student Health and Wellness Center (SHWC) does not provide students with medical excuses from class unless the student is a patient being treated for a potentially contagious illness that may pose a health risk to other students, faculty, or staff; or for an injury, and they are enrolled in a physical education activity class.

II. Application of Policy

All UNT students who use UNT health care services

III. Policy Definitions

A. Contagious Illness

“Contagious illness,” in this policy, means an infectious disease that is spread from person to person.

B. Medical Excuse

“Medical excuse,” in this policy, means written documentation from a provider regarding the medical necessity of a patient missing a class or event where attendance is considered mandatory.

C. Medical Provider

“Medical provider,” in this policy, means an individual that provides preventative, curative, or rehabilitative healthcare services in a systematic way to individuals.

IV. Policy Responsibilities

A. Medical Excuse Due to Potentially Contagious Illness

A medical excuse will be given to a student when they have been diagnosed with a potentially contagious disease that may pose a risk to other students, faculty, or staff, and are required to miss class for a specified number of days.

Depending on the severity of the illness, the student may be advised to not attend class for a specified number of days, as determined by the medical provider.

B. Medical Excuse for an Activity Class in Physical Education

A medical excuse will be given to a student when they are required to miss class for a specified number of days due to an injury.

Depending on the severity of the injury, the student may (1) attend class but cannot participate in the activity; or (2) attend class and participate on a moderate basis for a specified number of days, as determined by the medical provider.
C. Medical Verification Forms

When patients are seen at the SHWC for an illness or injury, they will receive a Medical Verification Form, upon request, which provides the date and time of an office visit. This will serve as verification that the student was examined by a medical provider. Departmental or individual instructor policy on class absence will determine how this verification is used.

V. Revision History

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