



## Department of Occupational Therapy

### *Policy 7.0. Infection Control and Universal Precautions*

#### **POLICY PURPOSE**

To ensure safe health care practices for protection of clients, self, and others.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

All students, employees, and faculty will practice Infection Control procedures and universal precautions to ensure optimal health practices.

#### **PROCESS + PROCEDURES**

1. During the first semester in the OTHP courses, all students are trained in Universal Precautions.
2. Washing hands is a required prevention activity prior to and following all client care and lab activities.
3. No outside food and drink, with exception of water, are to be consumed in the lab spaces, with the exception of laboratory activities that require food and/or drink. This is at the discretion of course faculty.
4. All mats and equipment are to be cleaned after each use with approved cleaning wipes to prevent spread of potential germs/infections. No shoes should be worn on any plinths or floor mats throughout all Departmental labs. Laboratory spaces should be returned to their original configuration and all items put away in appropriate storage space(s). Course faculty who are supervising labs are responsible for this procedure.
5. Gloves are to be worn for any infection, open wounds, or scabs. Gloves are to be discarded in foot operated waste cans.
6. If any injury occurs, it is to be reported immediately to the Department of OT.
7. Safe body mechanics and procedures should be used at all times.
8. Appropriate infection control attire must be adhered to per facility policies.
9. Students are to wear clean attire, minimal jewelry; keep hair tied away from the face and not report to class/fieldwork when ill.
10. All Departmental linens should be washed after each lab usage and returned to the lab within two working days. Course faculty who are supervising labs are responsible for this procedure.

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