(H) POLICY ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This policy concerns infectious diseases/conditions that include (but are not limited to) measles, chickenpox, other rashes with fever, lice, hepatitis, flu pandemic, impetigo, pink eye, jaundice, and the like.

In an effort to protect the health and welfare of students, staff, and faculty at Allegany College of Maryland, students, staff, faculty, and their children who exhibit signs and symptoms of potential, acute communicable illnesses may not remain on campus and will be excluded from public areas, classrooms, laboratories, college offices, and housing until the acute and/or contagious stage is over. (That determination must be made by a physician or Health Department official, who must provide written verification.) Exclusion from campus during this period will not only facilitate the recovery of the affected person, but it will also protect others from possible transmission to other persons, particularly those whose immunity to disease is already compromised (e.g., persons undergoing treatment for leukemia and other forms of cancer).

It is the responsibility of the infected individual to notify the Dean of Student Development* of the illness. The person will be asked to provide essential information such as when the illness/condition was contracted, from whom the illness/condition was contracted, and with whom the infected person has had contact. The Dean of Student Development will coordinate any campus-wide response that is needed with the appropriate officials (e.g., Health Department officials, the Wellmobile, the Dean of Administrative Services, the Vice President of Instructional Affairs, the Director of Residence Life, etc..) If necessary, Allegany College of Maryland will close until the medical crisis has passed.

*On the Pennsylvania campuses, the Director of Student Services will accept notification and coordinate response.

Assuming hospitalization or other quarantine is not required, students will be encouraged to go to their permanent homes during this time and to contact their instructors to make arrangements for their assignments, tests, and other academic obligations. Please consult the relevant section of this Handbook and course syllabi for attendance policies.