

## **COMMUNICABLE DISEASE AND IMMUNIZATION POLICY**

All ATS will need to have a physical on record in the health center upon entrance to the program as a sophomore. This needs to include updated immunization records including MMR, TB skin test, polio, and tetanus. They are strongly encouraged to receive the HBV series, but may sign a declination statement if so inclined. They are educated about the dangers of HBV in the healthcare setting and each year offered the opportunity to receive the series, at their cost, or sign the declination.

Our Medical Director is available during the athletic physical exams in the spring before entrance into the program, at which time they may clarify any questions about the physical and mental capabilities required of an ATS.

During their tenure at Otterbein University they have access to the Health Center's personnel. The Health center is staffed by an advance practice nurse and, for limited times, Board-certified physicians. If a student should develop an illness, he/she should notify their supervisor and seek appropriate medical care. The ATS also have access to our athletic physicians for medical care as well. They are to voluntarily notify their supervisor when they need recovery time and/or other situations arise. Injury and illness are dealt with by each supervisor on a case-by-case basis due to individual methods of dealing with injury or illness.