



UW-Stevens Point Diversity and College Access Youth Programs Communicable Disease Policies Summer 2024

UW-Stevens Point Diversity and College Access (DCA) department is pleased to be operating youth programs on campus for summer 2024. This information is meant to give an overview of the practices and policies that will be in place during summer 2024 to prevent and respond to a communicable disease occurrence.

A “Communicable Disease” can mean norovirus, the common cold, influenza, viral conjunctivitis (“pink eye”), strep throat, etc. to more impactful illnesses like Covid-19. The protocols that DCA youth programs (Upward Bound, English for College, LEAD) must abide by are set by state and county health officials as well as UW-Stevens Point.

Prior to the start date of your summer program at UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stevens Point suggests that parents/guardians consider taking these steps:

- **Consult with Your Medical Provider.** If your student is at increased risk for complications related to a communicable disease, we strongly recommend that you consult with your medical provider to assess your student’s risk to consider whether participating in the UWSP summer programs is appropriate for you and/or your student at this time.
- **Create Emergency Plans.** Back-up travel plans are important for summer 2024. For example, your student may need to return home early from a summer program (possibly within one hour of receiving notice), leaving you scrambling to figure out how to come to campus to pick up your student. Have a plan to have someone pick up your student on short notice if needed.

General Practices to Minimize the Potential for Communicable Disease

Even the best risk reduction plans will not be 100% successful. The DCA summer programs has the following strategies in place for staff and students to minimize the potential for communicable disease:

1. **Appropriate handwashing and/or hand sanitizing:** sinks with soap and/or sanitizing pumps at key locations.
2. **Cough/sneeze “into your sleeve”:** bury one’s coughs/sneezes into one’s shoulder/elbow.
3. **Keep hands away from faces:** to minimize transferring hand pathogens into the body.
4. **Personal supplies are personal:** hairbrushes, pillows, bedding, hats, contact lens solutions, make-up etc. belong to the owner and should not be shared with others.
5. **Everyone drinks from their own water bottle, cup, and straw:** no sharing for a “taste test” or even “to be nice.”
6. **Increasing the physical distance between people:** in common and dining areas when prolonged shoulder-to-shoulder groupings occur.
7. **Face coverings:** recommended when able, especially when experiencing symptoms of a communicable disease and particularly when potentially exposed to Covid-19.
8. **Availability of supplies and protective equipment:** gloves, masks and Covid testing kits are securely stored in the residence hall Health Office and utilized by program staff when administering first aid, dispensing medications, and checking symptoms of illness/injury.

9. **Daily Health Screening:** A health check will be conducted each morning throughout the summer program. The health check will include asking questions about how students are feeling and checking for any symptoms that may require further assessment or testing.

Pre-Arrival Requirements to Minimize Communicable Disease

1. All summer program participants are required to complete a health history profile in Campdoc.com. Instructions for completing a health history in Campdoc.com were provided to participants by the individual program administrators.
2. Make sure all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications that will be brought to the summer program are in their original containers/bottles with original label showing the student's name, medication name and dosage instructions.
3. Students should arrive on campus feeling healthy. Anyone experiencing symptoms of a communicable disease or not feeling well should contact their summer program Director and arrange for a delayed arrival and check-in, if possible. If a summer program is a week or less in duration, the student may have to cancel their participation in the summer program.

During Summer Program Procedures to Prevent and Respond to Communicable Disease

1. Students will be provided with a residence hall check-in time frame prior to the start of their summer program.
2. Upon arrival, students will check-in at a designated location and be directed to the Health Office for a health screening (symptom check) and to turn in all prescription and over the counter medications.
3. If a student should experience symptoms of a communicable disease during the summer program, the following steps may take place:
 - If Covid symptoms are present, students will be tested for COVID-19 upon permission from the parent/guardian. Students remain isolated in the Health Office until the result is established.
 - If the rapid test is negative, the parent/guardian will be consulted as to whether the student a) can be taken to Urgent Care for further medical evaluation and then follow subsequent care plan; or b) picked up by the parent/guardian to seek medical attention at home or in some mild cases, c) isolates and rests/recovers in their residence hall room. Please note that meals will be provided for students while isolating for an illness.
 - If the rapid test is positive, the student may be isolated in their room until symptoms subside, and they feel better OR they may resume program activities wearing a face mask for 10 days. The parent/guardian will be contacted and have the option to come pick up their student to recover at home. Communication will be sent to program participants and staff to monitor symptoms for possible exposure.