

Policies of the University of North Texas Health Science Center	Chapter 4 Administration
4.403 Waiting Room Infection Control	

Policy Statement.

UNT Health Science Center will prevent the spread of potentially contagious infections in the common areas as much as possible, and will properly manage individuals with known or suspected infectious diseases to reduce exposure.

Application of Policy.

UNTHSC staff and faculty

Definitions.

None

Procedures and Responsibilities.

1. Visual identification of any of the following individual symptoms or concerns should alert staff to implement appropriate interventions and promptly notify Infection Control Officer/nurse/medical assistant staff:

- i. Draining Rash
- ii. Persistent Cough
- iii. Head or Body Lice
- iv. Draining open sores and/or wounds
- v. Any other potentially infectious fluids that may present

Responsible Party: All staff and faculty responsible for infection control in their areas.

2. Known or suspected infectious individuals should be placed in an exam room with door closed. (i.e.: MRSA, TB).

Responsible Party: All staff and faculty responsible for infection control in their areas.

3. If there is delay in taking an individual to an exam room, front desk staff may ask patient to wear a mask and offer tissues.

Responsible Party: All staff and faculty responsible for infection control in their areas.

4. Immuno-compromised individuals should be placed in an exam room as soon as possible.

Responsible Party: All staff and faculty responsible for infection control in their areas.

References and Cross-references.

UNTHSC Policy: Exposure Control Plan/Isolation Systems: Standard Precautions and Transmission-Based Precautions.

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