

WAC 246-100-186 Special settings—Health care facilities.

Health care facilities shall:

(1) Adopt written policy and procedures restricting work of employees, staff, students, and volunteers diagnosed to have a communicable disease from direct contact with patients, residents, and recipients of care during the period of communicability when:

(a) Transmission of the disease to recipients of care or other employees can occur in that particular job environment, and

(b) The disease can cause serious illness.

(2) Permit employees, staff, students, and volunteers to return to work when measures have been taken to prevent transmission of disease if:

(a) Measures are consistent with recommendations of an infection control committee or equivalent authorized group if existing, and

(b) Measures are consistent with recommendations of local health officer.

(3) Comply with applicable state licensure law and department rules regarding communicable disease screening and control.

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