

Hope Health Center Out-of-Class Policy

An Out-of-Class e-mail is a way for the Hope Health Center medical staff to notify professors regarding a medical concern that could result in a student being absent for three or more days. An Out-of-Class e-mail does not mean that a student cannot attend class. When a student has been issued an Out-of-Class e-mail by the health center, it becomes the student's responsibility to contact their professors to discuss how their class responsibilities can be accomplished despite their condition.

Common situations where an Out-of-Class e-mail would be issued include, *but are not limited to*:

- Mono, or mono-like illnesses
- Inpatient Hospitalization
- Mental health

The health center staff will not routinely write “notes” for students stating they are currently ill or have been ill in the past. In special situations, when the student has already been seen at the health center, they have the option of signing a release of information so that specific medical information concerning their office visit and condition can be shared with professor(s) if needed.

The Hope Health Center will encourage students who have a communicable disease to not attend class, social activities, and work. This is to help decrease the spread of disease on campus; for students, staff and faculty! It is the student's choice if they will follow this advice.

It has been rare that a student will be told that they may not report to any classes. Conditions that could result in a “**May Not Attend Class**” statement includes, *but is not limited to*:

- Active tuberculosis
- Chickenpox
- Influenza (added August 2009 per heightened H1N1 concerns)
- Measles
- Mumps

Please call the health center if you have any concerns regarding the above information.

It is our goal to keep students healthy and in class!