1. **POLICY PURPOSE**

The purpose of the policy is to provide direction to the university community in preparing for and responding to communicable diseases that may threaten the university’s purposes and the safety of its employees and students.

2. **POLICY STATEMENT**

The university will provide its employees and students with the best information possible and adopt prudent Public Health and Health Care practices. Individuals, who have or suspect they may have a communicable disease, are expected to adopt responsible health care practices.

3. **IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY**

The university will identify individual(s) whose responsibility will be to monitor and assess communicable disease outbreaks throughout the world.

If there is a need, the university will set up a vice-presidential working group to monitor the situation and adopt appropriate strategies and actions.

The university will follow the medical advice from the appropriate medical authorities (Health Canada, BC Centre for Disease Control, and the Regional Public Health Officer).

The university will follow the recommendations on travel from Health Canada.

The university will follow any applicable WCB WorkSafe guidelines.

The university will provide general informational programs to the university community and provide special programs, as required, to campus departments.

The Director of University Health Services will establish guidelines and protocols as required and work with the Executive Director – Student and Ancillary Services to address specific communicable diseases.
4. **AUTHORITY**

Responsibility for implementing the policy is delegated by the Board of Governors to the Vice-President Finance and Operations, subject to regular due diligence reporting to the Board on statutory requirements and any situation involving significant liability or risk.

5. **RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS**

- # 5770 Liability Insurance
- # 1135 Emergency Response Policy
- # 1140 Risk Management Policy
- # 1142 Hazardous Materials Policy
- # 3250 Occupational Health and Safety Policy
- # 3260 Program/Service Interruptions
- # 4400 Policy Regarding Access to Student Records
- # 6110 Critical Incident Response
- # 6540 Death of a Student Member of the University - Guidelines
- Revised Health and Safety/Risk Management Organizational Structure
- Individual unit operating procedures