

# Bemidji State University Policies

<b>Policy Name:</b> HIV/AIDS Policy	<b>Effective Date:</b>
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## Policy Statement

The AIDS policy of Bemidji State University states students and employees with Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) infection will be permitted full access to the University as long as they are physically and mentally able to function in the role of student and/or employee.

## Scope and Purpose of Policy

Based upon recommendations regarding Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) from the United States Public Health Service, the Centers for Disease Control and the American College Health Association stating that the AIDS virus (Human Immunodeficiency Virus/HIV) is transmitted by intimate sexual contact and by exposure to contaminated blood and current knowledge indicates that students and employees that are infected with HIV/AIDS do not present a risk to others in an academic or work setting.

## Definitions

HIV/AIDS is a disease of the human immune system caused by infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). The term HIV/AIDS represents the entire range of disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus from early infection to late stage symptoms.

## Procedures

Because no two situations are identical, the University will respond to each case based upon its particular facts.

## Rationale

Bemidji State University's primary response to AIDS is educational. An HIV Task Force promotes educational and support efforts that will help prevent the spread of the virus. For information about AIDS or the HIV Task Force, contact the Student Center for Health and Counseling (755-2053).

## Supporting References

There are no supporting references.