POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of the TTUHSC to properly manage individuals with known or suspected infectious diseases to reduce waiting room exposure and prevent the spread of infections.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all TTUHSC Ambulatory clinics operated through its Schools.

PROCEDURE:

1. Visual identification of any of the following patient symptoms or concerns should alert staff to implement appropriate interventions and promptly notify nurse/tech staff:
   a. Rash
   b. Persistent cough
   c. Lice
   d. Draining open sores and wounds


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

4. If there is delay in taking a patient to an exam room, front desk staff may ask the patient to wear a mask and offer tissue.

5. Immuno-compromised patients should be placed in an exam room as soon as possible.

CERTIFICATION:

This policy was approved by the Council of Deans on November 3, 2011.