

% O R R G E R U Q H Pathogens Statement

The Montgomery County Community College Dental Hygiene Program is committed to addressing issues related to E O R R G E R U Q H pathogens, such as Human Immunodeficiency (HIV), Hepatitis B Virus (HBV), and Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in order to protect patients, students, faculty and staff, as well as protect the rights of individuals who may have E O R R G E R U Q H infectious disease.

The O & & Dental Hygiene Clinic is a safe place to provide and receive dental care. Current and generally accepted epidemiological information supports the conclusion that there is no significant risk of contracting E O R R G E R U Q H diseases through the provision of dental treatment when appropriate infection control procedures are followed. A key element of infection control is the concept of standard precautions, introduced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a means to reduce the risk of E O R R G E R U Q H pathogen transmission in healthcare settings. The primary principle behind standard precautions centers on the premise that medical history and examination cannot reliably identify all patients infected with E O R R G E R U Q H pathogens. All patients, therefore, must be regarded as potentially infectious. As such, applying standard precautions requires that infection control procedures are used for every patient.

The Dental Hygiene Program will not discriminate against faculty, staff, students, applicants or patients based solely on health status. & R Q F H U Q H G V K R X O G E H G L U H F W H G W R W