1. **General Information.** Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is caused by a fragile virus (Human Immunodeficiency Virus - HIV), and cannot be transmitted by casual contact. HIV is transmitted parentally, by intimate sexual contact and by exposure to contaminated blood. Although HIV may be found in many body fluids and secretions of people who are infected, its transmission has been correlated with its presence in only blood, semen, female genital secretions, and breast milk. There has been no confirmed case of transmission of HIV by any household or other casual contact. The Public Health Service states that there is NO RISK created by living in the same place as an infected person, eating food handled by an infected person, being coughed or sneezed upon by an infected person, casual kissing or swimming in a pool with an infected person. Shared classrooms, study areas, libraries, theatres, common bathroom facilities, sports facilities, etc., do not present a possibility for transmission of the virus, so long as there is no exchange of body fluids or blood.

People with HIV infection may be healthy, but have evidence of the infection found by a blood test that detects antibodies to the virus; others have a condition meeting the criteria of the surveillance definition of AIDS itself, or one of a lesser symptomatic manifestation of infection.

Current knowledge indicates that students or employees with any form of HIV infection do not pose a health risk to other students or employees in an academic setting.

2. **Responsibility.** The University of Wyoming Student Health Service is responsible for and provides a wide range of services for eligible students, including health care, counseling, consultation, and health education services for students concerned about AIDS and HIV infection.

Employees of the University of Wyoming will easily find a wide range of medical services in the Laramie, Wyoming community including all services noted above.

3. **Attendance Policy.** University students and employees who have HIV infection, whether they are symptomatic or not, will be allowed to attend classes or work in an unrestricted manner as long as they are physically and mentally able to do so. The students and employees will be guaranteed their rights as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

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