

SICK NOTE POLICY

POLICY REGARDING “SICK NOTES” FOR CLASS ABSENCE

Framingham State University Health Center does not routinely provide “sick notes” for students to professors due to brief absences from class due to illness. We encourage students to communicate directly with their professors about their absences. This is meant to encourage mature communication between student and professor, as well as encourage personal responsibility for class attendance decisions.

We strongly encourage students and faculty to stay out of class and other group gatherings when ill with a contagious illness (other than a routine “cold.”) Social distancing, “cough etiquette,” limitation of hand-shaking and excellent hand-washing are important strategies especially during flu season. We encourage faculty to consider absences in this context to be appropriate and preferable to students attending class while ill.

In the event of an anticipated absence of 3 or more consecutive days, or in the event of a communicable disease which necessitates class absence for public health reasons, students will be referred to the Dean of Students who will facilitate notification of faculty.