



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE GUIDELINES

A. A principal or appropriate administrator shall be responsible for the appropriate maintenance of the health room in each building. The principal may delegate these duties and work cooperatively with the Iowa County Health Department toward this end. For purposes of this policy, communicable diseases include, but are not limited to the following:

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome	Influenza Virus
Ameobiasis	Lice
Camplobacter	Measles
Chicken Pox	Mononucleosis Virus
Chlamydia	Mumps
Cytomegalovirus	Rotavirus
Gastrointestinal Viruses (Norwalk Agent Rotavirus)	Salmonella Bacteria
Giardiasis	Scabies
Gonorrhea	Shigella Bacteria
Hepatitis B Virus	Syphilis
Impetigo	Tuberculosis

B. The contamination source of most communicable diseases is body fluids. Body fluids include blood, semen, drainage from scrapes, cuts and open lesions, feces, urine, vomit, respiratory secretions (nasal discharge), and saliva with body fluids can present a risk of infection. In general, the risk is dependent on a variety of factors, including the type of fluid and the type of contact. Individuals carrying a disease may be at various stages of the infection: incubating disease, mildly infected without symptoms and chronic carriers of infectious agents.

C. When possible, direct skin contact with body fluids should be avoided. Staff involved in dealing with any body fluids are to take necessary precautionary measures, including frequent washing of hands, use of disposable gloves, proper disposal of soiled items (i.e. diapers, towels, handkerchiefs etc.), by burning or disposing of in sealed or lined containers. These containers should be disposed of daily.

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- D. Cleaning of hard surfaces and equipment (tables, mops, buckets etc.), should be done by either soaking or washing with the appropriate hot water and dilution of household bleach (1:10) or other appropriate disinfectant.
- E. The administration may require a physician's statement about a student or staff member's suitability to attend school or report to work when such person has been suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease.
- F. The temporary exclusion from school may be in effect until such time that the appropriate administrators and health care personnel, determine by assessment, that the risk has been abated and that the student or employee can return to school with any necessary modifications or individual program planning completed.
- G. In situations where there is disagreement with the administrator or physician's decision or recommendation, an appeal may be made within five (5) days to the superintendent or designee. The appeal shall be in writing to the superintendent and shall include the following:
 - a. statement of facts
 - b. statement of the relief requested
 - c. any necessary medical information required

The superintendent or designee will render a decision in writing within five (5) days of receipt of the appeal. In the event that there is a disagreement with the superintendent's decision, the matter may be appealed within five (5) days to the School Board. A day for purposes of this procedure shall be defined to exclude Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays.

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