

PROCEDURE 547 – COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

I. Special Circumstances and Conditions

The District recognizes that some students, because of age or disabling conditions, may pose greater risks for the transmission of communicable disease than other persons infected with the same illness. Examples include students who display biting behavior, students who are unable to control their bodily fluids, who have oozing skin lesions, or who have diseases which result in spontaneous external bleeding. These conditions need to be taken into account and considered in assessing the risk of transmission of the disease and the resulting effect upon the educational program of the student.

II. Acute Illnesses

For the safety and protection of all, the school will call parents/guardians of students exhibiting acute symptoms during the school day in order for the parent/guardian to take their student home. Students should not be sent to school if exhibiting one or more of the following symptoms:

- A. Fever greater than 100° F within the past 24 hours.
- B. Diarrhea or stomach flu within the past 24 hours.
- C. Communicable skin rash.
- D. Untreated head lice.

III. Precautions

Universal precautions, as defined in the Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan, are to be followed at all times when handling all blood, body fluids, secretions, and excretions.

IV. Data Privacy

- A. Student health information will be shared within the District only with those whose jobs require such information and with those who have legitimate, educational (including health and safety) need to know, and will be shared only to the extent required to accomplish legitimate educational goals.
- B. Student health data will be shared outside the District only in accordance with state and federal law and with District policies on student records.

V. Reporting

All reportable communicable diseases as defined by the Minnesota Communicable Disease Reporting Rule (Chapter 4605) will be communicated to the Hennepin County Health Department. In addition to reporting the disease, the District will seek their guidance and

follow their directives regarding steps the District should take to maintain a healthy school environment.

VI. Prevention

In accordance with M.S. 121A.23, the District will develop a program to prevent and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections and diseases, including but not limited to human immune deficiency virus (HIV), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and human papilloma virus.

VII. Immunizations

- A. Students not providing proof of immunization or exemption will be mailed a letter informing them of statutory requirements and will not be allowed to attend school until the requirements of this procedure have been met.
- B. Early Childhood Special Education, kindergarten students, and students new to the District will be allowed to register but not allowed to attend school until proof of immunization or exemption is submitted.
- C. Students who attend school while in the process of receiving the required immunization series have 18 months from the time of enrollment in which to complete the series. Students may be excluded during this period if they do not keep to the schedules that would assure completion in the allowed time period.
- D. Immunization information may be shared among schools, public health departments, physicians, nurses, health plans, and others without the consent of the parent/guardian (M.S. 114.3351).

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Legal References

Minnesota Communicable Disease Reporting Rule (Chapter 4605)
M.S. 121A.23
M.S. 121A.15
M.S. 144.3351

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