

MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE SCHOOL

The board of trustees recognizes the right of the student to a public education. The board also recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety, rights, and privacy of the entire school community regarding communicable diseases.

Communicable diseases are illnesses that are spread from person to person in a variety of ways. Common routes of transmission include:

- droplets;
- direct contact with body fluids such as blood, urine, feces or saliva;
- indirect contact with objects (rare).

On rare occasions, students may be required to stay at home during the infectious period. This may be mandated by the school administration. Refer to JLCC-E – Management of Communicable Diseases Information.

In the best interest of all students and staff:

- (a) Information and education is provided for students, employees and parents/guardians regarding the transmission of communicable diseases.
- (b) Precautions should be adopted by all staff concerning all blood and body fluids of transmitting diseases.
- (c) The best approach is to treat all body fluids of every person as potentially infectious.
- (d) The spread of most communicable diseases is minimized by procedures such as:
 - hand washing;
 - routine practices and additional precautions.
- (e) Policies and procedures are in place to respond to accidental exposure to body fluids (JLCEA - Routine Practices and Additional Precautions).
- (f) Schools will follow accepted cleaning standards (JLCEA - Routine Practices and Additional Precautions).

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Management of Communicable Diseases Information