

**DISEASES THAT ARE
READILY TRANSMISSIBLE IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT**

Parents should notify the school principal if their student has a readily transmissible disease and should keep him/her out of school until the condition is such that he/she can participate in school activities again.

Students who complain of illness at school should be referred to the school nurse and may be sent home as soon as the parents or their representative(s) have been notified.

Student health records and information are confidential. Student health information, including infection and suspected infection with a disease-causing agent, shall not be disclosed except in accordance with this procedure. When a staff member or volunteer receives information that a student is afflicted with a serious or life-threatening readily transmissible disease, the staff member or volunteer shall promptly notify the school nurse or the principal to determine the appropriate measures to protect student and staff safety and health. The nurse and/or the principal shall determine which additional staff members have a need to know of the affected student's condition. No information regarding the student's condition shall be otherwise disseminated. The nurse or principal may take any temporary actions pending medical consultation, including removal from the classroom, deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the student and others. The district reserves the right to require a physician's statement authorizing the student's return to school.

Standard safety and health practices appropriate for protecting against transmission of diseases shall be applied in circumstances where any student requires first aid, even where the student is not suspected to be afflicted with a communicable disease or infected with a disease causing agent. Handling of body fluids and substances shall be accomplished in accordance with Policy EBBA. No distinction shall be made between body fluids and substances from individuals with a known disease or infection and those from asymptomatic or undiagnosed individuals.

When a student who has been ill is ready to return to school, the student should bring a note to the principal from his/her parents explaining the reasons for the absence; or, if a physician has been treating the student, the physician's statement should be presented to the principal.

The district has a "head lice" policy; students will be excluded from school if any live lice are present.

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