

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES – STUDENTS

Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their attendance does not create a substantial risk of illness or transmission to other students or employees. The term “communicable disease” shall mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person, or animal to person, or as defined by law.

Prevention and control of communicable diseases shall be included in the school district’s bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. The procedures shall include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, universal precautions, vaccination, post-exposure evaluation, follow-up, communication of hazards to employees and record keeping. This plan shall be reviewed annually by the Superintendent and provider of nursing services.

The health risk to immunocompromised students shall be determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the school district environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the student’s personal physician, a physician chosen by the school district or public health officials.

Parents or guardians are advised to notify the school when they learn their child has a communicable disease. The school nurse is required to report suspected cases of reportable poisoning or conditions occurring among the children supervised to the Iowa Department of Public Health. School officials, through the Principal or Superintendent as appropriate, are required to report when there is no school nurse, (I.A.C. 641-1.6B-C)

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the provider of nursing services, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

Legal Ref.: School Board of Nassau County v. Arline, 480 U.S. 273 (1987)
 29 U.S.C. §§ 701 *et seq.*
 45 C.F.R. Pt. 84.3
 Iowa Code ch. 139.
 641 I.A.C. 1.2-5, 7.

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