

Communicable/Infectious Diseases

Management of common communicable diseases will be in accordance with Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or local public health department guidelines. A student who exhibits symptoms of a readily-transmissible communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school attendance.

Students who complain of illness at school may be referred to the school health clerk and may be sent home as soon as the parent/guardian or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified.

The district reserves the right to require a health care practitioner's statement authorizing the student's return to school.

In all proceedings related to this policy, the district will respect the student's right to privacy.

When information is received by a staff member that a student is afflicted with a serious, readily-transmissible disease, the staff member will promptly notify the school health clerk or principal to determine appropriate measures to protect student and staff health and safety. The principal, after consultation with a district school nurse, and the student and parent/guardian, will determine which additional staff members, if any, have need to know of the affected student's condition, and whether the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or the local public health department must be notified. Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of the student will be informed of the specific nature of the condition if it is determined there is a need for such individuals to know this information.

The superintendent or designee will initiate procedures to ensure that all medical information will be held in strict confidence. Any school staff member who violates confidentiality will be subject to appropriate disciplinary measures.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-33-104 (2)(a) (compulsory attendance law not applicable to a student who is temporarily ill and such absence is approved)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (2) (grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission)

CROSS REFS.: EBBA, Prevention of Disease/Infection Transmission (Handling Body Fluids)
IC/ICA, School Year, School Calendar, Instructional Time
JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

NOTE: See the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) "Guidelines for Infectious Disease in Child Care and School Settings: Guidelines for Child Care Providers, School Nurses and Other Personnel," available on CDPHE's website, www.cdphe.state.co.us, Division of Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology's website, or call 303-692-2000 to access these guidelines and other information applicable to schools.

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