COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - STUDENTS

Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their presence 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 blood borne 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, school nurse, or health clerk.

The health risk to immunodepressed 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.

A student shall notify the superintendent, school nurse, or health clerk when the student learns the student has a communicable disease. It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, when the superintendent, school nurse, or health clerk, upon investigation, has knowledge that a reportable communicable disease is present, to notify the Iowa Department of Public Health. Health data of a student is confidential and it shall not be disclosed to third parties.

It shall be the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the health clerk, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with the students with a communicable disease.

Legal Reference: School Board of Nassau County v. Arline, 480 U.S. 273 (1987).
29 U.S.C. 701 *et seq* (1988).
45 C.F.R. Pt. 84.3 (1990).
Iowa Code ch.139 (1993).
641 I.A.C. 1.2-.5, 7.

Cross Reference: 403.1 Employee Physical Examinations
403.3 Communicable Diseases - Employees
506 Student Records

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