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" will 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 is included in the school district's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. The procedures will 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 is reviewed annually by the superintendent ***or designee*** and school nurse.

The health risk to immunosuppressed students is determined by their primary care provider. The health risk to others in the school district environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease is determined on a case-by-case basis by the student's primary care provider ***a physician chosen by the school district or public health officials***.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the school nurse, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

For more information on communicable disease charts, and reporting forms, go to the Iowa Department of Public Health Web site: http://www.idph.state.ia.us/CADE/Default.aspx

Legal Reference:
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. 139A.8.
641 I.A.C. 1.2-.5, 7.

Cross Reference:
403.3 Communicable Diseases - Employees
506 Student Records
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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