

Communicable/Infectious Diseases

Management of common communicable diseases shall be in accordance with Colorado Department of Health guidelines. A student who exhibits symptoms of a readily-transmissible communicable disease may be temporarily excluded from school attendance. This may include those with a temperature of 101 degrees F and additional symptoms such as rash, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, behavior changes, stiff neck, and difficulty breathing.

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

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

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

When information is received by a staff member or volunteer that a student has been diagnosed with a serious, readily-transmissible disease, the staff member or volunteer shall promptly notify the school nurse or principal to determine appropriate measures to protect student and staff health and safety. The principal, after consultation with the school nurse, the parent and student, shall determine which additional staff members, if any, have need to know of the affected student's condition. Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of the student shall 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 shall initiate procedures to ensure that all medical information will be held in strict confidence. Prior to distribution the superintendent or designee shall approve any notification of communicable disease. Any school staff member who violates confidentiality shall 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)

ILCA, Physical Examinations of Students

JLCE, First Aid and Emergency Medical Care

JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students