

**CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

The Board of Education recognizes that control of the spread of communicable disease is essential to the well-being of the school community and to the efficient District operation.

In order to protect the health and safety of the students, District personnel, and the community at large, the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations which pertain to **immunization and other means for controlling casual-contact** communicable disease **spread through normal interactions in the school setting.**

**A student who has been exempted from the mandatory immunizations or other medical intervention pursuant to a written signed Certificate of Religious Exemption or Medical Exemption may be excluded from school by the principal or designee in the case of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak or exposure. Protocols established by the County Health Department regarding disease outbreak or exposure shall be followed.**

**If a student exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease, the principal or designee will isolate the student in the building and contact the parents/guardians. Protocols established by the County Health Department shall be followed.**

The Board is also committed to assuring the confidential status of individuals who may have been diagnosed with a communicable disease.

The Board of Education seeks to provide a safe educational environment for students and staff. This can best be accomplished by assuring that all persons within the school community understand the methods of disease transmission and prevention. All persons should practice Universal Precautions when dealing with any blood or body fluids. Universal Precautions means to treat all blood and body fluids as potentially infectious; containing disease-causing pathogens.

The District **Superintendent or designee** shall develop administrative guidelines for the **control** management of communicable diseases.

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