
Communicable Diseases in Schools ~~–Staff~~

The district shall provide reasonable protection against the risk of exposure to communicable disease for students and employees while engaged in the performance of their duties. Reasonable protection from communicable disease is generally attained through immunization, exclusion or other measures as provided by Oregon law, by the local health department or in the *Communicable Disease Guidance for Schools* published by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

~~A student or An~~ employee may not attend school or work while in a communicable stage of a restrictable disease or when an administrator has reason to suspect that the student or employee has or has been exposed to any disease for which exclusion is required in accordance with law ~~and per administrative regulation GBEB-AR – Communicable Diseases – Staff~~. If the disease is a reportable disease, the administrator will ensure that the occurrence is reported ~~the occurrence~~ to the local health department. The district may provide an educational program in an alternative setting. Services will be provided to students as required by law.

Employees shall comply with all measures adopted by the district and with all rules set by Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, and the ~~county~~ local health department.

~~Employees shall provide services to students as required by law. In cases when a restrictable or reportable disease is diagnosed and confirmed for a student, the administrator shall inform the appropriate employees with a legitimate educational interest to protect against the risk of exposure.~~

The district shall protect the confidentiality of each student's and an employee's health condition and record to the extent possible and consistent with federal and state law. In cases when a restrictable or reportable disease is diagnosed and confirmed for a student, the administrator may inform employees with a legitimate educational interest.

The district will include, as part of its general emergency plans, a description of the actions to be taken by district staff in buildings and by the district in response to medical emergencies ~~the case of a declared public health emergency or other catastrophe that disrupts district operations.~~

~~The superintendent will develop administrative regulations necessary to implement this policy.~~

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 332.107

[ORS 431.150 to -431.157](#)

[ORS 433.001 to -433.004](#)

[ORS 433.010](#)

[ORS 433.110](#)

[ORS 433.235 – 433.284](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 333-019-0014](#)

[OAR 581-022-2220](#)

[OAR 581-022-2225](#)

Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority, *Communicable Disease Guidance [for Schools](#)*.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 ([2023](#)).

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320d to -1320d-8 (2018); 45 C.F.R. Parts 160, 164 ([2023](#)).

Cross Reference(s):

EBC/EBCA - Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans

JHCC - Communicable Diseases