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8450 - **CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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

For purposes of this policy, "casual-contact communicable disease" shall include:

- A. diphtheria,
- B. scarlet fever and other strep infections,
- C. whooping cough,
- D. mumps,
- E. measles,
- F. rubella, and
- G. others designated by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (~~hereinafter referred to as~~ DHS).

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 interaction in the school setting.

Initial Exposure - Suspected Communicable Disease

If a student exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease, a teacher, school nurse, (X) health room staff, (x) office staff() office staff, () _____, **[END OF OPTIONS]** or the building principal/Principal will isolate the student in the building and contact the parents and may choose to send the student home. **[DRAFTING NOTE: State statute specifies that teachers, school nurses, and principals have the authority to send home students exhibiting symptoms suspected of a communicable disease. The District may authorize other staff.]** The staff member shall notify the parent(s) of the student, the Principal, and also contact the Marathon County Health Department to report the incident. The health department officials shall be responsible for conducting any investigation deemed necessary and directing the District to follow specific protocols, including those established by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

~~[] The District Administrator is authorized to develop administrative guidelines for the control of communicable disease that include:~~

- A. ~~removal of students from District property to the care of a responsible adult;~~
 - B. ~~preparation of standards for the readmission of students who have recovered from casual contact communicable diseases;~~
 - C. ~~filing of reports as required by statute and the DHS.~~
- [END OF OPTION]**

Protocols During a Pandemic/Epidemic

The procedure described above pertains to an initial and/or isolated identification of the possible presence of a communicable disease in a school. In the event of an ongoing pandemic or endemic outbreak of a communicable disease, the Administration and Board shall develop protocols to manage school during a pandemic or epidemic.

Protocols shall be developed with consideration for the following evidence-based resources:

- A. Statewide declaration of emergency and related orders;
- B. guidance provided by medical and/or public health officials, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS); Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI); American Pediatrics Association;
- C. local health department officials and local medical professionals;
- D. parent and/or student groups; and
- E. other resources developed for and specific to the circumstances facing the District.

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