

Operational Services

Pandemic Preparedness

The Board of Education recognizes that the District will play an essential role along with the local health department and emergency management agencies in protecting the public's health and safety if a pandemic illness occurs. A pandemic illness is a worldwide outbreak of a virus for which there is little or no natural immunity and no vaccine; it spreads quickly to people who have not been previously exposed to the new virus.

To prepare the School District community for a pandemic, the Superintendent or designee shall:

1. Learn and understand the roles that the federal, State, and local government would play in an epidemic;
2. Work with the nurses and other relevant staff to identify priorities and oversee the development of a pandemic illness school action plan; and
3. Communicate the plan to stakeholders.

Emergency School Closing

In the case of a pandemic illness, any decision for an emergency school closing will be made by the Superintendent in consultation with the local health department, emergency management agencies, and appropriate Intermediate Service Center.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.7 and 5/100-20.5.
Ill. Dept. of Public Health Act (Part 1), 20 ILCS 2305/2(b).
Ill. Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305.
Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act, 115 ILCS 5/.

CROSS REF.: 1:20 (District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification), 4:170 (Safety), 7:90 (Release During School Hours), 8:100 (Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies)

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