

335 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The existence of numerous communicable diseases requires the Division to establish procedures with regard to the management of infected students and staff. Such procedures reflect both the preservation of the public interest as well as the protection of students and staff.

All students or staff who are infected with those diseases described by the “List of notifiable communicable diseases from Alberta Health Services” shall be allowed to attend school programs unless, in the opinion of the local Medical Health Officer, the presence of the student or staff member poses a health risk to others. When exclusions occur because of communicable disease or parasitic infestation, those affected shall not resume attendance at school until they obtain a clearance from the Health Unit authorities or medical practitioner.

Procedures

1. Normally, students with communicable diseases will be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Act.
2. Children with a communicable disease shall be allowed to attend school programs in an unrestricted setting unless, in the opinion of the local Medical Health Officer, special circumstances dictate otherwise.
3. The right of infected students to privacy will be respected by staff, including the confidentiality of records.
4. Employees infected with communicable diseases shall be allowed to continue normal duties unless:
 - a. In the opinion of the local Medical Health Officer, special circumstances dictate otherwise; or
 - b. The job of the employee requires that the employee be free from any communicable diseases.
5. The right of infected employees to privacy will be respected and their identity will remain confidential.
6. In the event that a communicable disease is deemed to be a pandemic, AP 192 shall supersede this Administrative Procedure.

References

Section 33,52,53,196,197,222 Education Act
Emergency Medical Aid Act
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Health Information Act
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Public Health Act
Communicable Disease Regulation (AR 238/85)
Occupational Health and Safety Code
[List of notifiable communicable diseases - Alberta Health Services](#)

History

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