

**CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES
AND NONCASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

The Board of Education 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 diphtheria, scarlet fever and other strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and others designated by the Wisconsin Department of Public Health.

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 communicable disease spread through normal interaction in the school setting.

On the recommendation of the school nurse, the teacher may remove from the classroom, and the principal may exclude from the building or isolate in the school any student who appears to be ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease, except that the principal may act independently if the school nurse is not present in the building when the decision needs to be made.

The Superintendent, with the advice of the school nurse, shall develop administrative guidelines for the control of communicable disease, which shall include:

- A. instruction of professional staff members in the detection of these common diseases and measures for their prevention and control;
- B. excluding students from District property to the care of a responsible adult;
- C. preparation of standards for the readmission of students who have recovered from casual-contact communicable diseases;
- D. filing of reports as required by statute and the State Department of Health.

Control of Non-casual Contact Communicable Diseases

The Board of Education seeks to provide a safe educational environment for both students and staff. It is the Board's intent to ensure that any student or member of the staff who contract a communicable disease that is not communicated through casual contact will have their status in the District examined by an appropriate panel of resource people and that the rights of both the affected individual and those of other staff members and students will be acknowledged and respected.

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

- A. Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome - AIDS;
- B. AIDS Related Complex - ARC;
- C. persons infected with HIV (human immunodeficiency);
- D. Hepatitis B;
- E. other like diseases that may be specified by the State Board of Health.

In its effort to assist in the prevention and control of communicable diseases of any kind, the Board has established policies on Immunization and Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases. The purpose of this policy is to protect the health and safety of the students, District personnel, and the community at large from the spread of the above-mentioned diseases.

The Board seeks to keep students and staff members in school unless there is definitive evidence to warrant exclusion. When the Superintendent learns that a student or District employee may be infected with a non-casual contact communicable disease, the Superintendent shall immediately convene a review panel consisting of appropriate staff members, the infected person's physician, and the Ozaukee County Health Department to determine if the initial evidence warrants exclusion.

If the evidence is not sufficient to justify exclusion, the person shall remain in the current school environment unless there exists a threat to the person's health or safety through exposure to other communicable diseases.

If the County Health Officer determines the evidence indicates the person should be excluded from the school environment, the person shall be temporarily excluded following due-process procedures as described in the District's administrative guidelines.

The District shall provide an alternative education program for any student excluded from the school setting as a consequence of the review panel's decision. Such a program shall be in accordance with the Board's policy and administrative guidelines on Homebound Instruction.

When the Superintendent learns that a student with special education needs may be infected with a non-casual contact communicable disease, the I.E.P. Committee or 504 Team will serve as the District's representative on the communicable disease review panel, which will be convened within forty-eight (48) hours.

The rights of any affected student, as well as those of any affected staff member, shall be protected in accordance with Federal and State laws on privacy, confidentiality, and due process. In addition, the exclusion of any staff member from the District by the County Health Officer's decision will be done in accord with applicable law, policy, and any contractual obligations.

Further, it is the Board's policy that all students and staff members should maintain normal contact with an affected student or staff member whose continued presence in the school setting has been determined by this process.

The Board directs the Superintendent to develop an educational program that will ensure proper instruction of students, professional staff, and/or support staff on the principal means by which non-casual contact communicable diseases are transmitted, as well as how they are not transmitted, and the more effective methods for restricting and/or preventing these diseases.

252.19, 252.21, Wis. Stats.
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The Port Washington-Saukville School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Special Services, Port Washington-Saukville School District, 100 W. Monroe Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 - Duane.Woelfel@pwssd.k12.wi.us