

CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Attendance at school may be denied to any student diagnosed as having a contagious or infectious disease that could make his/her attendance harmful to other students. When others in the school have infectious diseases that could be life threatening to students diagnosed with a disease that causes suppressed immunity, such students may be denied attendance in order to protect their welfare. The Bonneville Joint School District No. 93 shall rely on the advice of the public health and medical communities when assessing the risk of transmission of communicable diseases.

Guidelines

1. In all proceedings related to this policy, the District shall respect the student's right to privacy.
2. Communicable diseases that afflict students can include common childhood diseases and life-threatening diseases. These diseases will be managed in accordance with Idaho Department of Health and Welfare guidelines and communicable diseases control rules.
 - a. A student who exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease that is readily transmitted in the school setting may be temporarily excluded from school attendance.
 - b. Students who complain of illness at school may be referred to the school nurse/designee or may be sent home as soon as the parent or person designated on the student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified.
 - c. The District reserves the right to require a statement from the student's primary care provider authorizing the student's return to school.
3. Upon receipt of information that a student may be afflicted with a serious communicable disease, staff members shall promptly notify the school nurse/designee.
 - a. Appropriate measures for the protection of student and staff health will be implemented by the school nurse/designee.
 - b. After consultation with and on the advice of public health officials, the school nurse/designee shall determine which staff members need to know of the affected student's condition.
 - c. Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care or for determining appropriate educational accommodation of the student will be informed of the specific nature of the condition.

4. Parents of other children attending the school may be notified that their child has been exposed to a communicable disease without identifying the particular student who has the disease.

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Cross Reference: Student and Family Privacy Rights #2140
Head Lice #3525
Bloodborne Pathogens #3535
Releasing Students to Authorized Individuals #3558

Legal Reference: Idaho Code 33-512 Governance of Schools