

SAYDEL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - STUDENTS

Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their presence does not create a substantial risk of illness or transmission to other students or employees. The "communicable disease" will mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person, or animal to person, or as defined by law.

Prevention and control of communicable diseases will be included in the school district's Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan. The procedures will include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, universal precautions, vaccination, post-exposure evaluation, follow-up, communication of hazards to employees, and record keeping. This plan will be reviewed annually by a committee appointed by the Director of Student Services.

The health risk to immunosuppressed students will be determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the school district environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the student's personal physician, a physician chosen by the school district or public health officials.

A student or parent will notify the building principal or the school nurse when the student learns the student has a communicable disease. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, when upon investigation by the Superintendent or school nurse, has knowledge that a reportable communicable disease is present, to notify the Iowa Department of Public Health. Health data of a student is confidential and it will not be disclosed to third parties.

It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in conjunction with the school nurse, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

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