

Communicable Diseases

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It is the policy of the School District of Lodi, pursuant to federal, state and local laws and regulations, and in cooperation with state and local public health agencies, to establish and maintain appropriate health standards for the school environment, promote the good health of students and staff, and to educate students and staff in disease prevention methods and sound health practices.

In an effort to maintain a safe and healthful school environment, the district will provide mandatory educational opportunities to students and staff regarding measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of contracting or transmitting communicable diseases, including HIV infection, at school and in school-related activities.

In recognition that an individual's health status is personal and private, the district will handle information regarding students and staff with suspected or confirmed communicable diseases in accordance with state and federal law and board policies regarding the confidentiality of student and staff records. Additionally, the district will comply with all applicable public health reporting requirements.

Students and staff may be excluded from school and/or school-related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease as defined in district, county or state health procedures. The decision shall be based on the administrative interpretation that the disease poses a significant health risk to others or that it renders them unable to adequately perform their jobs or pursue their studies. Students and staff excluded from school pursuant to this policy may appeal their exclusion as set forth in the administrative procedure.

Procedures related to the handling of diagnosed or suspected communicable diseases shall be developed under the direction of the District Administrator. It shall then be reviewed/approved initially, and at least annually thereafter, by the district's medical advisor and the district's Health/Human Growth Committee. These procedures shall be printed and made available to school personnel and the public.

Legal Reference: Chapter 143