

Communicable and Infectious Diseases**I. CAUSE FOR EXCLUSION**

No student with a communicable or infectious disease can be excluded without extensive medical evidence to support exclusion. Such evidence may include, but is not limited to:

1. The nature of the disease.
2. The degree to which the disease may be controlled.
3. The personal characteristics of the student involved and whether these characteristics are such that exclusion of the affected student from the regular classroom is clearly necessary to protect the health of other students.
4. The regular review of decisions regarding exclusion or alternate placement by the school planning and placement team which shall act in consultation with the student's physician, parent/guardian, nurse, and/or medical advisor as well as all other appropriate individuals.
5. Parental approval and the right to appeal to the Board of Education.

II. MEDICAL INTERVENTION

A. Precautions: The school medical advisor has established guidelines which provide simple, effective precautions against transmission of communicable diseases for all students and staff. The guidelines are reviewed and updated annually by the medical advisor.

B. Blood and Body Fluids

1. Universal precautions will be used to handle all blood and body fluids after a student has an accident or injury at school.
2. Each employee of the Wallingford Board of Education who could potentially be exposed to blood and body fluids must be trained in universal precautions prior to starting employment. All policies related to O.S.H.A. and universal precautions are included in the district health policies and procedures manual. These policies and procedures must be adhered to at all times. Necessary reports will be made to health authorities consistent with state law.

III. CHRONIC DISEASE

A child with a chronic disease (including a chronic infectious disease) may need to be removed from the classroom for his/her own protection when other communicable diseases (e.g., measles or chicken pox) are occurring in the school population. This decision will be made by the child's physician and parent/guardian in consultation with the school nurse and/or the school medical advisor.

STUDENTS**JHCC-R****Communicable/Infectious Diseases****IV. EDUCATION REGARDING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Educational programs have been established and new ones will be established as needed so that students, staff, and the public are well informed of the risk and prevention of transmission of communicable diseases. The school nurse and/or medical advisor is available to assist in any problem resolution, answer questions, and coordinate services provided by other staff.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

A. Rights of Students: The privacy rights of students with a communicable disease shall be strictly observed by staff. No person who obtains confidential related medical information may disclose or be compelled to disclose such information except to the following:

1. The protected student or parent.
2. Any person who secures a release of the confidential related information
3. A federal, state, or local officer when such disclosure is mandated or authorized by federal or state law.
4. A health care provider or health facility when knowledge of the related information is necessary to provide appropriate care or treatment to the protected student and when confidential related information is already recorded in the medical chart or record or health care provider has access to such records for the purpose of providing medical care to that student.

B. Disclosure of Information:

1. When confidential information relating to communicable disease is disclosed, it shall be accompanied by a statement in writing which shall include the following similar information:

“This information has been disclosed to you from records whose confidentiality is protected by state law. State law prohibits you from making any further disclosure without the specific written consent of the student or legal guardian to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted by law. A general authorization for the release of medical or other information is not sufficient for this purpose.”
2. A notation of all such disclosures shall be placed in the medical record or with any record related to communicable disease test results of a protected student.

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