

### **453.3 - COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL**

The district shall cooperate with state and local public health officials in establishing and maintaining appropriate health standards for the school environment. State and federal laws and regulations related to communicable disease reporting and control shall be followed.

Communicable disease control procedures shall be maintained in cooperation with the local health department, who shall be notified at once by any teacher, school nurse or principal who knows or suspects that a communicable disease is present in a school district.

The principal or designee, in consultation with the School Nurse, may send home for the purpose of diagnosis and/or treatment any student/employee suspected of having a communicable disease or condition having the potential to affect the health of other students and staff. If this action occurs, the parents or guardians of such students shall be notified immediately of the action and the reason for the action.

All information reported under this policy shall remain confidential except as may be needed for the purpose of investigation, control or prevention of communicable diseases.

Students may be excluded from school and/or school-related activities if they are suspected of or diagnosed as having a communicable disease, including any disease identified within the Communicable Disease Chart for Schools that is published by the Department of Health Services.

Students who have contracted communicable diseases will not be re-admitted to school until such time as it is determined by health care officials that the risk of transmission has subsided.

In an effort to reduce the risk of transmission of communicable or other infectious diseases in the schools, guidelines shall be developed for handling body fluids. The "Employee Bloodborne Pathogen Plan" will be followed in case of an exposure to potentially infectious body fluids or materials. These guidelines shall be made available to all school district staff members.

*Legal References: Section 2523.21 of Wisconsin Statutes Adopted:*

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