

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

The Governing Board desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing a high-quality education for all students. The Superintendent or designee shall collaborate with local and state health officials to develop and regularly update a comprehensive plan for disease prevention that promotes preventative measures, mitigation, education, communication, and training of students and staff. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted.

*(cf. 0400 - Comprehensive Plans)*

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 0415 – Educational Equity)*

*(cf. 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan)*

*(cf. 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures)*

*(cf. 1400 - Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and the Schools)*

*(cf. 3516 - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)*

*(cf. 5141.21 - Administering Medication and Monitoring Health Conditions)*

*(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)*

*(cf. 5141.3 - Health Examinations)*

*(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)*

*(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)*

*(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)*

*(cf. 5145.3 - Nondiscrimination/Harassment)*

*(cf. 6020 – Parent/Guardian and Family Engagement)*

The Superintendent or designee shall regularly review resources available from health experts to ensure that district programs and operations are based on the most up-to-date information.

The district's comprehensive health education program shall provide age-appropriate information about the nature and symptoms of communicable diseases, their transmission, and how to help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

*(cf. 6142.1 - Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction)*

*(cf. 6142.8 - Comprehensive Health Education)*

If the local health officer notifies the district of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the district shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease. The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer. (Health and Safety Code 120175.5)

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

## **INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)**

(cf. 4119.42/4219.42/4319.42 - *Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens*)

(cf. 4119.43/4219.43/4319.43 - *Universal Precautions*)

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students of the precautions to be used in cases of exposure to blood or other body fluids through injury, accident, or classroom instruction.

(cf. 5141 - *Health Care and Emergencies*)

(cf. 6145.2 - *Athletic Competition*)

### **Students with Infectious Diseases**

The Superintendent or designee shall exclude students from on-campus instruction only in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulation. Because bloodborne pathogens such as hepatitis B virus, hepatitis C virus, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) are not casually transmitted, the presence of infectious conditions of this type is not, by itself, sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

(cf. 5112.2 - *Exclusions from Attendance*)

(cf. 6164.6 - *Identification and Education Under Section 504*)

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Superintendent or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential outbreak. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that student confidentiality and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.

(cf. 4119.23/4219.23/4319.23 - *Unauthorized Release of Confidential/Privileged Information*)

(cf. 5022 - *Student and Family Privacy Rights*)

(cf. 5125 - *Student Records*)

#### **Legal Reference:**

##### **EDUCATION CODE**

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49060-49069.7 Student records

49073-49075 Privacy of pupil records

49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of students

49405 Smallpox control

49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

49408 Student emergency Information

49602 Counseling and confidentiality of student information

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

**INFECTIOUS DISEASES (continued)**

**CIVIL CODE**

56-56.37 Confidentiality of Medical Information Act

1798-1798.78 Information Practices Act

**HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

120175.5 Local health officers and communicable diseases

120230 Exclusion for communicable disease

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

120875-120895 AIDS information

120975-121023 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students

**CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION**

Article 1, Section 1 Right to Privacy

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8**

5193 Bloodborne pathogens

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17**

2500-2511 Communicable disease reporting requirements

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20**

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

1400-1482 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

**UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29**

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 45**

164.500-164.534 Privacy of individually identifiable health information

**COURT DECISIONS**

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1986) 662 F.Supp. 376

**Management Resources:**

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLICATIONS**

Science Safety Handbook for California Public Schools, 2014

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PUBLICATIONS**

School District (K-12) Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

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