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Background

The well-being and rights of students and employees shall be the major consideration in the workplace and related areas. All actions and reporting in relation to communicable diseases and other medical conditions shall be conducted in accordance with The Education Act, 1995, The Public Health Act, 1994 and the following procedures. Any student or staff member whose health or medical condition may pose a significant health risk to others may be required to contact a physician. The physician is to be requested to provide to the principal, or other appropriate official, a medical certificate stating whether the condition of the individual poses any significant threat to the health and well-being of others.

Procedures

1. When the principal of the school becomes aware that a student is infected or is a carrier of a category 1 communicable disease shall, in consultation with the school director, report this to the local health region authorities. This shall be done within forty-eight (48) hours.
2. The school director is authorized to determine when there is a reasonable basis to believe that a medical examination may be required of a student or an employee and to direct that such an examination be performed.
3. The principal, in consultation with the school director and local health region authorities, may exclude from school any student who is infected or is suspected to be infected with a communicable disease.
4. If local health region authorities determine, in consultation with a physician who has examined the student or employee, that the student or employee poses a significant threat to the health and well-being of the students or other employees of the school:
 - 4.1. The student will be required to withdraw from attendance at school and the local health region shall be notified of the same. The student shall be readmitted to school when the local health region authorities produce a written certificate stating that the student's condition no longer poses a risk of contagion in the school environment.
 - 4.2. The employee will be placed on leave for medical reasons until the local health region authorities produce a written certificate stating that the employee's condition no longer poses a risk of contagion in his/her working environment.
5. School officials and staff shall be required to maintain absolute confidentiality of medical records of any student or employee who is required to undergo a medical examination or who may be required to withdraw from attendance at school or who may be placed on medical leave pursuant to this administrative procedure.
6. All issues pertaining to prevention and education concerning communicable diseases shall be the responsibility of the school director in consultation with the principal of the school.
7. Local health regions have the authority to close a school in the event of an infectious disease situation.

8. The school director is to ensure that Administrative Procedures 164.1 – Appendix A: Category 1 Communicable Diseases is reviewed annually.


References

The Education Act (1995) – Section(s) 85, 87, 141, 175, 178, 190, 231
The Public Health Act (1994)

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APPENDIX A: Category 1 Communicable Diseases

- Aeromonas
- Amoebiasis
- Anthrax
- Botulism
- Brucellosis
- Campylobacteriosis
- Chickenpox
- Chlamydia pneumoniae
- Cholera
- Coronavirus
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Diphtheria
- Encephalitis
- Food poisoning of animal, bacterial, viral, or chemical origin
- Giardiasis
- Haemophilus influenza b invasive disease
- Hantavirus
- Hepatitis A
- Influenza
- Invasive streptococcal disease
- Kawasaki disease
- Legionellosis
- Leptospirosis
- Leprosy
- Listeriosis
- Lyme disease
- Malaria
- Measles
- Meningitis of bacterial origin
- Meningococcal infections
- Mumps
- Paratyphoid
- Parvovirus B 19
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Plague
- Poliomyelitis (Polio)
- Psittacosis
- Q fever
- Rabies
- Relapsing fever
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Rubella
- Congenital rubella syndrome
- Salmonellosis
- Shigellosis
- Tetanus
- Toxigenic staphylococcal disease
- Toxoplasmosis
- Trichinosis
- Tularemia
- Typhoid
- Unspecified viral hepatitis
- Verotoxigenic Escherichia coli infections