

Health Protocol Policy

POLICY

Where a staff member has reason to believe that a student or staff member is infected with a notifiable communicable disease as defined by the Sections 22(1) and 26 of the Alberta *Public Health Act*, he/she must immediately notify administration staff. The administration staff shall notify the Alberta Health Services Medical Officer of Health for the school Zone

- (a) By the fastest means possible in the case of a prescribed disease that is designated in the regulations as requiring immediate notification, or
- (b) Within 48 hours in the prescribed form in the case of any other prescribed disease.

Local Public Health Nurse or Zone Medical Officer/designate:

Zone	Medical Officer of Health/Designate
South	1-587-220-5753
Calgary	1-403-955-6750
Central	1-403-356-6420
Edmonton	1-780-445-7226
North	1-855-513-7530

REFERENCES

Province of Alberta. *Public Health Act*. Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Chapter P-37. (2015), which can be accessed at <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/P37.pdf>

Province of Alberta. *Public Health Act. Communicable Diseases Regulation* Alberta Regulation 238/85. (2014). which can be accessed at http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/1985_238.pdf

FOOD ALLERGIES AND SNACKS

Food allergies are common and may result in serious and sometimes fatal repercussions. All staff are asked to ensure that they are aware of the allergies any of their students may have and know to take proper action to ensure the safety of that child.

POTENTIAL HEALTH RISKS

Signs and symptoms of illness exhibited by a student include them;

- Vomiting, having a fever, diarrhea or a new unexplained rash or cough
- Requiring greater care and attention than can be provided without compromising the care of other students in the program
- Having or displaying any other illness or symptoms the staff member knows or believes may indicate that the student poses a health risk to persons on the program premises

Staff member may assess the student as ill if any of the above mentioned symptoms are present by checking the student temperature or noticing the student withdrawn.

When a staff member knows or has a reason to believe that a student is exhibiting symptoms of illness, they are to ensure that:

- The student's parents arranges for the immediate removal of the child from program premises
- The student does not return to the program premises until they no longer poses a health risk to persons on the program premises
- A student may return to program premises upon providing any one of the following:
 - o The child was symptom free for at least 24 hours, or
 - o Parent provides a physician's note

Staff member will record and document the student who is ill which includes the following:

- Name of the student,
- Date the student was observed to be ill,
- Name of staff who identified the student was ill,
- Time parent was initially contacted,
- Time student was removed from the program premises, and
- The date student returned to the program premises given the student was symptom free for 24 hours or parents provided a physician's note

If a staff member fails to reach the student's parents, emergency contact persons will be contacted (which are updated regularly) for immediate removal of the student.

Parents are informed of the program's management of sick student's through the Health Policies available on the website. They are sent letters with their child(ren) in the beginning of the year to review all policies available on the website.

Effective Date:

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