

InstructionChronic Infectious Disease Practice and ProcedureA. Infectious Diseases

1. This policy applies to any disease not known to be spread by casual, incidental contact. Such diseases include but are not limited to AIDS and Hepatitis B.
2. The safety and health of the students and staff of Arlington Public Schools is of ultimate concern. The determination of whether an infected student or employee of the Arlington Public School System should be permitted to attend classes, participate in school activities or remain on the job will be made on a case-by-case basis.
3. In making this determination the following factors will be taken into consideration:
  - a. The behavior, neurological development and physical condition of the infected person.
  - b. The expected type of interaction with others in the school setting.
  - c. The impact on both the infected person and others in that setting.
4. The determination of whether or not an infected person remains in the school or school system will be based solely on scientific and medical evidence. Legal advice may also be sought by the district.
5. If determination of whether or not an infected person poses an imminent threat to the health and safety of the school, community or the individual's conduct presents a clear threat to the physical safety of himself/herself or others, then with respect to an infected student, Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 79-264 will be followed concerning exclusion from school. With respect to an infected certified employee of the school district, the provision of Nebraska Revised Statutes, Section 79-838 will be followed with respect to leave of absence.
6. If an infected student in grades K through 12 is not permitted to attend classes, the school will make every reasonable effort to provide the student with an adequate alternative education.

7. Any person with an infectious disease will retain the rights of confidentiality and privacy. Information and discussion with regard to the case will be limited to those who must have information to deal with the situation. If necessary, the community will be informed that an infectious disease is present in the school system and that the person will be excluded only if the situation warrants such action based upon medical and legal advice. No information will be given out about the individual, his/her medical record or about the family without written permission of the individual (adult) or parent/legal guardian of the student.

B. **Bloodborne Pathogens**

1. First aid may be rendered in situations involving the presence of blood or other potentially infectious materials (hereinafter "bloodborne pathogen situations") by the school nurse, and by such other employees as the Superintendent shall designate. All non-designated employees shall refer bloodborne pathogen situations to a designated employee, and shall not be required to personally render first aid in bloodborne pathogen situations or be disciplined for failure to personally render first aid in bloodborne pathogen situations.
2. An employee who has an employment related bloodborne pathogen exposure incident (an incident in which another person's blood or other potentially infectious material contacts the employee's eye, mouth, mucous membrane, non-intact skin, or pierced mucous membrane or skin barrier) shall promptly give notice of the incident and details of the incident to the superintendent or the superintendent's designee.
3. The Superintendent shall be authorized and required to take such action and adopt such plans as may be required to place this School District in compliance with OSHA regulations concerning bloodborne pathogens, in the event and at such time as this School District may become subject to OSHA regulation.

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