

### **Communicable/Infectious Diseases**

The School Board recognizes the need and right of all children to receive free and appropriate education. The School Board further recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment for students and school employees.

#### **School Attendance:**

The determination of whether an infected individual is excluded from the classroom or school activities and how the individual's needs will be met shall be made on a case-by-case basis, under the direction of the building principal/building administrator or designee with consultation from the assigned school nurse.

Consideration regarding the need to exclude an individual from school shall include:

- a. the characteristics of the contagious disease,
- b. the behavior and developmental level of the student,
- c. medical condition of the student their expected interaction with others.

If additional information is needed, consultation with medical care providers, the State Health Department, Center for Central Disease Control, and/or other experts may be necessary.

If the District has reasonable cause to believe that a person is an infected individual, an appropriate medical evaluation may be required. If an infected student is not permitted to attend classes for ten (10) days, the District will provide the student with an appropriate educational program.

#### **Confidentiality:**

Information will not be revealed to the public about an individual who may have a communicable disease. Appropriate information will be provided to school employees, on a need to know basis, if the potential for communicability is a factor.

If a situation occurs at school in which a student or staff member might have been exposed to an infectious agent, such as an instance of blood-to-blood contact, the school principal or designee shall inform the parents/guardians to seek medical advice.

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To provide a healthy environment for both students and employees, universal precautions are to be used with the schools.

#### **ROUTINE PRACTICES RELATING TO BODY FLUIDS**

- a. Individuals should wear approved disposable gloves when cleaning up bodily fluids.
- b. When cleaning environmental surfaces, a freshly prepared solution of sodium hydrochloride (household bleach one part to ten parts water) should be used.
- c. When cleaning fluids from an individual, soap and water followed by a disinfectant should be used for most injuries.
- d. Cleaning of carpets should be referred to a trained custodian/custodial service for extraction cleaning.
- e. Employees are required to follow universal precautions where all body fluids are treated as if they are contaminated.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE GUIDELINES

Disease/Incubation Period	Rules for School Attendance
Fever	Exclude when temperature reaches >100.4 Fahrenheit. Student may return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications.
HIV, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and other bloodborne diseases	Generally, no exclusions; considerations may exist if there is potential for bloodborne exposure. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	Exclude until all lesions have dried and crusted or, in immunized children without crusts, until no new lesions appear within a 24-hour period.
Pediculosis (Head Lice)	<i>The parent of a student found to have live head lice will receive a personal call or a note sent home regarding treatment. A student with live lice may be excluded immediately in the event of frequent or repeated infestations or at the discretion of the school nurse.</i>
Diarrheal Diseases	Exclude while symptomatic only if person is unable to practice independent hygiene.
Haemophilus Influenza Type B, invasive (HIB)	Exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
Influenza and Influenza-like illness	Exclude until fever has been absent for 24 hours in an unmedicated state. Additional exclusions may be necessary for demented novel strain or pandemic influenza based on state or federal guidelines.
Hepatitis A	Exclude until one week after onset of illness.
Meningococcal Disease (Neisseria Meningitides)	Exclude until after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA)	Exclude only if confirmed MRSA is present from a wound in which drainage is occurring and cannot be covered and contained.
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	Exclude until completion of 5 days of appropriate treatment. If appropriate antibiotic treatment is not received, exclude until 21 days after onset of symptoms.

Pink Eye, Ringworm, Herpes Gladiatorum, Molluscum Contagiosum, and skin rashes without fever	Generally no exclusions; considerations may exist for certain sports, extracurricular activities or behaviors that might increase the risk of transmission. Consult healthcare provider for guidance.
Rubella	Exclude until seven days after onset of rash.
Scabies	Exclude until treatment has been completed.
Shingles (Herpes Zoster)	Generally no exclusion if lesions can be covered. If lesion cannot be covered, exclude until rash or lesions have crusted over.
Strep throat and Streptococcal skin infections (Impetigo)	Exclude until after 12 hours of antibiotic treatment.
Tuberculosis	Exclude until physician and Department of Health determine a person is not infectious.
Mumps	Exclude until five days after the onset of parotid gland swelling.
Measles	Exclude until after four days of onset of rash.
COVID 19	Exclude based on current CDC and SD Department of Health guidance.
*Cytomegalovirus	The student may attend school. Precautions should be taken by contacts with immunosuppression as anti-cancer or organ transplants as well as anyone with suspected or known pregnancy. Good hand washing in all cases should eliminate risk of transfer of infection.
*Fifth Disease (Erythema Infectiosum)	The student may attend school with physician's permission.
*Giardiasis	The student may attend school if he or she practices independent and hygienic bathroom skills. Good hand washing in all cases should eliminate risk of transfer of infection.
*Herpes Simplex	The student may attend school during an active case if the student has the ability and practices appropriate personal hygiene precautions and the area of lesion is crusted over covered.
*Mono (Infectious Mononucleosis, Glandular Fever)	The student may attend school with physician's permission. The student may need adjusted school days and activities.
*Plantar Warts	The student may attend school. Students should not be permitted to walk barefoot.

*Ringworm (scalp, body, athlete's foot)	The student may attend school if the area is under treatment and covered. Restrict known cases of athlete's foot from pools and showers until under treatment.
*Scabies (7-year itch or mites)	The student may attend school after treatment.

\*Those marked above with a star are not included in the current Department of Health Recommendations for Temporary Exclusion from a school setting but will be followed by the Pierre School District. Recommendations for exclusion will change at the discretion of the Department of Health. Please follow the link for the most current recommendations: <https://doh.sd.gov/diseases/assets/SchoolExclusion.pdf>

#### **Enteric Disorders:**

<b>Disease/Incubation Period</b>	<b>Rules for School Attendance</b>
E. Coli	Antibiotics not usually recommended unless E. Coli 0157-H7 diagnosed then should not attend school until two negative stool specimens.
Pinworms	Treat with anti-worm medication; treatment often repeated in two weeks to prevent reinfection. May attend school, and adequate hand washing.
Salmonella and Rotavirus	No treatment recommended. May attend school with no incontinence of bowel and adequate hand washing.
Shigellosis	Student may return to school after completing course of antibiotic and one negative stool specimen.

ALL COMMUNICABLE AND CHRONIC DISEASES SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL NURSE.

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