

Communicable Disease: Hepatitis B Virus Infections

The School District recognizes that Hepatitis B Virus Infections represents a significant risk to the health of those persons infected and a potential risk to the health of others in contact with those infected persons, the degree of which is presently uncertain. The School District further recognizes that the Oregon Health Division has determined that casual social contact typical to a school setting poses no documented risk of transmission of the virus, but that certain physical conditions or behavior may increase the risk of transmission and that persons infected by the virus may themselves be at increased risk from exposure to serious infectious illnesses.

The School District hereby approves and adopts the recommendations for procedure with regard to students infected with Hepatitis B Virus Infections as set forth in the “Guidelines for Schools with Children who have Hepatitis B Virus or Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection” issued by the Oregon Health Division, Department of Human Resources, January 1995, as set forth below:

“(a) If a student is an identified hepatitis B carrier, the local health department shall be consulted for individualized special precautions to be incorporated into the educational program for that child. Such precautions may include restricting contacts with other students and assuring that the teaching staff is immunized, when appropriate.”

“(b) School staff members who provide direct personal care to students who lack control of their bodily secretions or who display behavior such as biting, spitting or scratching shall be offered hepatitis B vaccine and encouraged to consult with their personal physician or local health department for information about it.”

“(c) The parents/ legal guardians or residential caretakers of students who are likely to have ongoing classroom or household contact with students who lack control of their bodily secretions or who display behavior such as biting, spitting or scratching shall be advised of the availability of hepatitis B vaccine and encouraged to consult with their personal physician or health department for information about it.”

“(d) All school staff members, including teachers, instructional aids, support staff, administrators, custodians, bus drivers, and secretaries shall be fully informed of these recommendations and basic prevention measures including personal hygiene and immunization as part of annual in service training.”

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

ORS 326.565
ORS 326.575
ORS 332.061
ORS 336.187
ORS 339.030

ORS 339.250
ORS 433.008
ORS 433.045
ORS 433.255
ORS 433.260

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Guidelines for Schools with Children Who Have Hepatitis B Virus or Human Immunodeficiency Virus Infection,
Oregon Health Division (1995).