

# Multnomah Education Service District

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## Communicable Diseases

MESD will strictly adhere to the policies and procedures in the Oregon Revised Statutes and Oregon Administrative Rules as they relate to school restrictable diseases and reportable diseases.

1. Restrictable diseases are communicable diseases which occur in a setting where predictable and serious consequences may occur to the public. A school restrictable disease is defined as a disease which can be readily transmitted in a school setting and to which student and/or staff in a school may be particularly susceptible.
2. An employee who is diagnosed to have a school restrictable disease shall not engage in any activity which involves contact with students, as long the disease is in the communicable stage.
3. A student who is diagnosed to have a school restrictable disease shall not attend school as long as the disease is in a communicable stage. These restrictions are removed by the written statement of the local health officer or designee, or a licensed physician with the concurrence of the local health officer, that the disease is no longer communicable to others in the school setting. For those diseases indicated by an asterisk (\*) the restriction may be removed by a school nurse. For pediculosis, indicated by a double asterisk (\*\*), the restriction may be removed after the parent or guardian provides a signed statement that a recognized treatment has been initiated. Examples of school restrictable diseases include, but are not limited to:

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| (a) chicken pox           | (h) pertussis (whooping cough)      |
| (b) cholera               | (i) plague                          |
| (c) diphtheria            | (j) rubella (German measles)        |
| (d) measles               | (k) scabies*                        |
| (e) meningococcal disease | (l) staphylococcal skin infections* |
| (f) mumps*                | (m) streptococcal infections*       |
| (g) pediculosis**         | (n) tuberculosis                    |

The school administrator may, when he or she has reasonable cause to believe the child has a school restrictable disease, exclude that child from attendance until a physician, public health nurse or school nurse certifies that the child is not infectious to others.

4. The local health officer, or designee, may allow students and employees with diseases in the communicable stage to continue to attend or work in school when measures have been taken to prevent the transmission of the disease.

5. Nothing prohibits MESD, component districts or local health departments from adopting more stringent rules for exclusion from school. However, MESD and component district policies must be adopted by formal action of the local school board.
6. When a person is diagnosed as having diphtheria, measles, pertussis (whooping cough) or rubella (German measles), the local health officer may exclude from school any student or employee who is susceptible to that disease.

Notification

- A. Any staff member who has reason to suspect that a student is infected with a reportable, but not school-excludable, disease shall so inform the immediate supervisor, who in turn, shall inform the appropriate cabinet member, who, in turn, shall inform the director of school Health and Social Services as soon as it is practicable.

The Director Health and Social Services shall investigate the report, and, if confirmed, shall, except in the cases listed in Section B below, consult with the appropriate cabinet member for purposes of developing arrangements appropriate to the situation.

- B. In the case of the following diseases, the Director of School Health Services shall, after notification, report the incidence of the disease to the Superintendent who may appoint additional persons to participate in the development of the arrangements appropriate to the situation:

Enteric Diseases Caused by Food Contamination and Transmitted by Infected Food Handlers

Amebiasis	Giardiasis
Anthrax	Hepatitis A
Campylobacteriosis	Salmonellosis and Typhoid Fever
Cholera	Shigellosis
Botulism	Yersiniosis

Blood-Borne Diseases

Hepatitis B\*  
 Hepatitis Non-A/Non-B  
 AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome)\*  
 Herpes of Newborn

Other Reportable Diseases Which May or May Not be School Excludable but Which Are of Major Public Concern

Diphtheria	Meningitis	Poliomyelitis
Epiglottitis	Meningococcal Disease	Rabies
Hemophilus Influenza	Mumps	Rubella
Leprosy	Pertussis	Septicemia
Malaria	Plague	Tetanus
Measles	Pneumonia	Tuberculosis

- C. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which staff should be informed about the individual infected student's condition and shall notify such staff as soon as is practicable.
- D. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which other persons may be informed of the infectious nature of the individual student within the guidelines provided in statute.

#### Education

- A. The Superintendent or designee shall seek information from appropriate health officials, MESD and component district staff and other appropriate persons regarding the health needs/hazards of all students and the educational needs of the infected student.
- B. The Superintendent or designee shall, utilizing information obtained in item A above, determine an educational program for the infected student and implement same in an appropriate setting.
- C. The Superintendent or designee shall, from time to time, review the appropriateness of the educational program and the setting of each individual student.

#### Equipment and Training

- A. The Superintendent or designee shall, on a case-by-case basis, determine what equipment and/or supplies are necessary in a particular classroom or other setting.
- B. The Superintendent shall further determine whether to provide special training in the methods of protection from such communicable disease.