

North Wasco County School District 21

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Communicable Diseases

The following procedures have been developed as a guideline for school and departmental administrators who identify or suspect communicable disease in the school or work setting:

1. Contact the nurse assigned to the school or obtain guidance to assist in making decisions regarding possible exclusion;
2. If the school nurse is not available and immediate attention is required, consult the Health Services for the School Age Child Manual section on communicable diseases;
3. Restriction, exclusions and quarantines may be made by the building principals, with the recommendation of the school nurse. The school nurse will report any instances of exclusion to the Wasco-Sherman County Health Department and to the superintendent. If indicated, a recommendation for providing education and information to students, staff and community will accompany the report;
4. If a student is excluded from school the superintendent will direct a committee to develop a recommendation and educational plan to the superintendent for approval, if the exclusion and report warrant such an action;

The committee may include, but not be limited to:

- a. Building principal;
- b. Student's teacher;
- c. District nurse;
- d. Student's parents and/or a representative;
- e. Public health official;
- f. Student's physician;
- g. Others as deemed appropriate by the superintendent.

The severity and life-threatening nature of communicable diseases vary significantly. Most situations can be handled routinely by the health services staff and the school or departmental administrator by following the guidelines of the district policy¹. In certain circumstances, the superintendent may cause technical assistance papers to be prepared when the guidelines developed by public health agencies do not adequately address a specific disease. Technical assistance papers will become part of this regulation upon approval of the superintendent.

¹The Wasco-Sherman County Health Department can also be of assistance in providing information and answering questions.