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## **Communicable Diseases and HIV and HBV**

The current procedures developed by the Student Health Services of the MESD regarding common communicable diseases shall be the district practice. These are diseases such as Boils, Chicken Pox, Common Cold, Fifth Disease, Mumps, Whooping Cough, Pink Eye, Pinworm, Ringworm, Rubella, Scabies, Scarlet Fever/Strep Throat, Tuberculosis, Hepatitis A, Herpes, Impetigo, Influenza, Mononucleosis, and Measles.

Procedures are based on Oregon Administrative Rules, and address both reportable and school restrictable diseases. Examples of school restrictable diseases include but are not limited to:

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| 1. Boils;                  | 15. Pertussis;                       |
| 2. Chicken Pox;            | 16. Pink eye;                        |
| 3. Cholera;                | 17. Pinworm;                         |
| 4. Common cold;            | 18. Plague;                          |
| 5. Diphtheria;             | 19. Ringworms;                       |
| 6. Fifth Disease;          | 20. Rubella (German measles);        |
| 7. Hepatitis A;            | 21. Scabies;                         |
| 8. Herpes;                 | 22. Scarlet Fever/Strep Throat;      |
| 9. Impetigo;               | 23. Staphylococcal skin infections;* |
| 10. Influenza;             | 24. Streptococcal infections;*       |
| 11. Measles;               | 25. Tuberculosis;                    |
| 12. Meningococcal disease; | 26. Whooping Cough.                  |
| 13. Mononucleosis;         |                                      |
| 14. Mumps;*                |                                      |

Diseases indicated by a single asterisk may have the restriction for school attendance removed by the school nurse. Districts may, by formal policy, add to the list of school-restricted diseases with consultation with the local health administrator.

If the district learns that a student six years or older who is infected with HIV or HBV<sup>1</sup> and is not special risk, the superintendent with written permission from the student's parent or guardian, shall direct a team to convene to address the student's health issue. The team may consist of the student's parents or guardians (or the student, if s/he is 18 years of age or older), the county health officer, the student's health care provider, the school nurse, the administrator, and the special education director (if the student is enrolled in special education). The committee will review the student's health status and any possible risk to others in the school setting, based on the student's daily school activities. If the medical personnel recommend and the superintendent determines the infection or any secondary infection constitutes a medically recognized risk of transmission on the school setting, adaptations for the student's school day may occur.

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<sup>1</sup>HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus; HBV - Hepatitis B Virus

The district recognizes a parent or guardian or student has no obligation to inform the district of an HIV or HBV condition and that the student has a right to attend school. If the district is informed, written guidelines shall be requested of the parent/guardian or student. These guidelines shall include who may have the information, who will give the information, how the information will be given and where and when the information will be given.

The team may include other persons with the consent of the infected student's parent or guardian. The superintendent may consult experts who are not members of the team, but in doing so shall not disclose the identity of the infected student without the consent of the student's parent or guardian.

The team shall also discuss ways the school may help anticipate and meet the needs of the infected student. If any member of the team believes the student may be eligible for special education services as a student with disabilities, the student shall be referred to the special education department for assessment of his/her eligibility.

If there is an infection that does not constitute a medically recognized risk of transmission in the school setting, the superintendent shall not alter the education program of the infected student. However, the superintendent or designee shall periodically review the case with the student's parent or guardian and the other members of the team.

If there is an infection that constitutes a medically recognized risk of transmission in the school setting, the superintendent shall determine, after consultation with the team, whether the student's education program should be altered and whether the student is in need of an individually tailored education plan. In any event, the superintendent shall establish guidelines for periodic review of the case.

The confidentiality rights of the infected student shall be protected. The student's identity shall not be disclosed to non-team members without the consent of the student's parent or guardian. All records pertaining to the matter which include personally identifiable information shall be kept in a secure, separate file maintained by the superintendent. Nothing in this policy, however, shall restrict the right of the superintendent to consult with the district's legal counsel regarding the district's legal rights and obligations.

If the superintendent determines that a public statement regarding rumored or identified HIV or Hepatitis B infection is necessary or appropriate, the superintendent shall designate a district spokesperson who shall be responsible for developing and releasing such statements and for conducting any press conferences that occur.

If a press conference is held, the spokesperson shall have the Multnomah County Health Office or other health authority to assist with the press conference. In any press conference or public statements, the confidentiality rights of the infected student shall be protected.

The district shall develop procedures for infection control. At a minimum, such procedures shall include staff training, first aid kits in each school and on each school vehicle, sanitation kits at each school for cleanup of body fluid spills, and precautionary guidelines for body fluid cleanup and personal hygiene.

Diagnosis of communicable diseases or permits for returning to school may be secured free of charge at the East Multnomah County Health Services, 620 NE 2nd, Gresham, Oregon.

The district shall develop procedures for infection control. These procedures shall be in compliance with the Oregon-OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Regulation and are outlined in the district's adoption of its exposure control plan entitled, Communicable Disease Control Plan for School District Employees for Multnomah County Public Schools (MESD/SHS).

Students who exhibit symptoms of communicable disease such as fever, rash, vomiting, stiff neck, or headache with fever, jaundice (yellow color to skin or eyes), skin lesions that are weeping or pus filled, or watery diarrhea, may be excluded from school by the school administrator or his/her designee until diagnosed by a physician to be free of communicable disease and return to school.

The district shall provide reasonable protection for students against the risk of exposure to communicable disease. The district will follow the Oregon Department of Education and the state and local health authorities; rules and regulations pertaining to communicable diseases.

Protection from communicable disease generally shall be through immunization, exclusion or other measures provided for in Oregon Revised Statutes and rules of the County Health Department. Services generally will not be provided to students excluded under this policy unless otherwise required by law.

Where the district knows that a student is infected by any communicable disease for which the student would not be excluded under this policy, the school involved shall take whatever reasonable steps it considers necessary to organize and operate its programs in a way which both furthers the education and protects the health of the students.

The district may, for the protection of both the infected student and the exposed student, provide an educational program in an alternative setting. A student shall continue in the alternative setting, if provided, until such time that:

1. The district determines that the student presents no unreasonable risk of infection to the other students and bears no unreasonable risk of opportunistic infections or
2. The student is ordered to be returned to the classroom by a court or other authority of competent jurisdiction.

The district shall protect the confidentiality of each student's health condition/record to the extent possible consistent with the overall intent of this policy.