

## **Communicable/Infectious Diseases**

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 will include as a part of its emergency procedure plan a description of the actions to be taken by district personnel in the case of pandemic flu outbreak, declared public health emergency or other catastrophe that disrupts district operations.

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.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 431.035 to -431.530](#)  
[ORS 433.255](#)  
[ORS 433.260](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010\(5\)](#)  
[OAR 437-002-0360](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

EBC/EBCA - Emergency Procedures and Disaster Plans