

PANORAMA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

- A. Transmission of infectious diseases may occur more readily where close personal contact is involved in student care. Preschool and kindergarten settings, as well as special facilities for handicapped students, need special attention for the prevention of infectious diseases.
- B. Preventing the spread of infection requires that personal and environmental cleanliness techniques be practiced at all times in every school setting.
- C. Prior to the enrollment or continued attendance in the regular or special classroom of an infected student, the school nurse shall develop specific procedures appropriate to the student's age and the stage of development for the specific disease. The school nurse should carry out the following procedures:
 - 1. Conduct a health and developmental assessment, including a review of the student's medical records. Collaborate with parents and physician to ensure that the records are complete.
 - 2. Attempt to identify students and school personnel who may be at risk, such as those who are chronically ill, pregnant or taking immunosuppressant medication, if the information is available.
 - 3. Identify appropriate personal and environmental cleanliness techniques in accordance with student and staff needs.
 - 4. If the regular educational program cannot be modified and the student is identified as an individual with exceptional needs, write appropriate health objectives for the student's Individualized Educational Program (IEP).
 - 5. Orient and train all staff members, including custodians, substitute teachers, volunteers, and bus drivers. Orientation and training must be ongoing and must be scheduled to include new personnel.
 - 6. Maintain ongoing communication with parents and the primary physician regarding the student's status.
 - 7. Verify the school district's efforts to prevent the spread of infection and to protect the health of employees and students by documenting the training and supervision of employees.

Legal Reference: