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## Communicable Disease Policy

It is the policy of the district to maintain appropriate health standards for the school environment, to promote the good health of students and staff, and to educate students, staff and parents in disease preventions methods and health practices to reduce and/or prevent infection.

District staff will follow standard procedures while working to prevent the spread of communicable disease as outlined by the state department of health, Center for Disease Control, OSHA, and local health department.

Students who are suspected of having a communicable disease that could be detrimental to their health, staff or peers are sent home. Staff will recommend an evaluation, diagnosis and treatment by a licensed medical practitioner based on symptoms presented.

Students who have a confirmed communicable disease that poses a risk to the health and safety of other students and staff are excluded from school until they are no longer infectious. Duration of the exclusion and criteria for return to school is based on the disease process as directed to the school by the local health department officer.

Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of a student, or for determining an appropriate education plan for an excluded student, will be informed of a student's communicable disease status. The local health department will notify parents and/or guardians of students who might have been exposed to a communicable disease without revealing the identity of the infected person(s). Written notification includes the dates of potential exposure, symptoms of the disease, action to take for onset of symptoms, methods of prevention and disease fact sheet from the CDC.

Immunizing students against infectious diseases assists in controlling the spread of communicable diseases. It is the policy of the district to enforce all state immunization requirements in accordance with the Division of Public Health and Chapter HFS 144 Immunization of Students. Exclusion of students who are not adequately immunized is at the discretion of the local health officer, district superintendent and district medical director based on the disease and incubation period.

An alternate educational plan will be implemented for students who are excluded from attending school for an extended period of time.

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## Protocol and Care Statement H1N1 Influenza A

### Definitions:

- A. Infectious period** - is defined as 1 day prior to the start of symptoms extending to 24 hours after the fever is resolved.
- B. Acute respiratory illness** - is defined as fever and at least one of the following: sore throat, cough, and runny nose.
- C. High-risk groups** - is defined as a person who is at high-risk for complications of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection.
- D. Direct or close contact** – is defined as being within about 6 feet of an ill person who has influenza-like-illness symptoms.
- E. Confirmed case** - is defined as a person with an acute febrile respiratory illness who is positive for influenza A, but negative for H1N1.
- F. Influenza-like-illness (ILI)** – a person presenting with symptoms of the H1N1.
- G. Health care workers** – are considered school nurses and/or health aides who are providing direct care to students.
- H. Center for Disease Control (CDC)** – A federal agency committed to protecting health and promoting quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability.

### General Information:

#### A. Symptoms:

1. Fever equal to or greater than 100 degrees
2. Coughing, runny nose
3. Sore throat

**B. Transmission:** H1N1 is spread when an infected person coughs and/or sneezes.

#### C. Persons At Risk:

1. Children aged 6 months – 24 years
2. Women who are and/or will be pregnant during the influenza season
3. Adults and children who have chronic health conditions
4. Adults and children who have immunosuppression health conditions
5. Persons caring for infants < 6 months of age

### School Management:

#### A. Identification of students

1. Staff refer student to the health aide for reported and/or observed symptoms.

#### B. Prevention procedures to protect students at school:

1. Students and/or staff with symptoms are sent home with the recommendation to keep student home until fever resolved for 24 hours.
2. Maintain social distancing of 6 feet between students and staff to prevent spread of infections.
3. Students and/or staff with ILI will be given a mask to wear while waiting to go home.
4. Isolate students and/or staff with ILI until they go home.
5. Recommendation for students and staff to be vaccinated with the seasonal influenza vaccine and H1N1 vaccine.

#### C. Recommendations for safe hygiene practice by students and staff at school:

1. Staff education regarding for safe hygiene practices
  - Frequent hand washing with soap and water and/or use of alcohol based hand sanitizer.
  - Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and/or sneezing.
  - Avoid contact with persons who are sick.
2. Student and/or staff education related to attendance procedures
  - Stay home from work, school and community activities with acute symptoms.