

**Policy 507.03: Communicable Diseases - Students**

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Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their presence does not create a substantial risk of illness or transmission to other students or employees. The term "communicable disease" will mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person, or animal to person, or as defined by law.

Prevention and control of communicable diseases is included in the District's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. The procedures will include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, universal precautions, vaccination, post-exposure evaluation, follow-up, communication of hazards to employees and record keeping.

The plan is reviewed annually by the Superintendent and School Nurse.

The health risk to immunosuppressed students is determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the District environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease is determined on a case-by-case basis by the student's personal physician, a physician chosen by the District or public health officials.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the school nurse, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

For more information on communicable disease charts, and reporting forms, go to the Iowa Department of [Public Health](#) Health and Human Services Website:

<https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/reportable-diseases>; <https://hhs.iowa.gov/health-prevention/report-disease-or-outbreak>.

Student handbooks will contain standing orders for students to be absent from school.

| <b>C.F.R. - Code of Federal Regulations</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
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| 45 C.F.R. Pt. 84.3                          | <a href="#">Public Welfare - Nondiscrimination on Basis of Handicap/Programs</a>               |
| <b>I.A.C. Iowa Administrative Code</b>      | <b>Description</b>   |
| 641 I.A.C.                                  | <a href="#">Public Health Department</a>   |
| 641 I.A.C. 1                                | <a href="#">Public Health - Reportable Diseases/Quarantine/Isolation</a>                       |
| 641 I.A.C. 7                                | <a href="#">Public Health - Immunizations</a>  |
| <b>I.C. Iowa Code</b>                       | <b>Description</b>   |
| Iowa Code § 139A.8                          | <a href="#">Immunization of Children</a>   |
| <b>U.S.C - United States Code</b>           | <b>Description</b>   |
| 29 U.S.C. §§ 701                            | <a href="#">Labor - Vocational and Other Rehab</a>   |
| <b>Cross References</b>                     | <b>Description</b>   |
| 403.03                                      | <a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees</a>  |
| 403.03-R(1)                                 | <a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees - Universal Precautions</a>                      |
| 403.03-E(1)                                 | <a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees - Hepatitis B Vaccine Information and Record</a> |