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STUDENTS WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Division recognized its responsibility to protect the health and safety, rights, and privacy of the school community regarding communicable diseases as defined in the *Public Health Act*.

Every Teacher shall notify the Principal who shall notify the appropriate local health authority of the area in which the school is situated, or where there is no local health authority, the School Board, that he/she has reason to believe that a pupil attending the school has been exposed to, or is suffering from, a communicable disease as defined in the *Public Health Act*.

Parents are encouraged to report to the school immediately if their own child contracts a communicable disease. When information is received by school staff that a student is afflicted with a communicable disease, the staff shall notify the Principal. The principal can consult with the local health authority (Public Health Nurse) if deemed necessary. Any planning, response and/or communication related to a communicable disease needs to be done in consultation with a qualified health practitioner. On occasion, students may be required to stay at home during infectious periods. This may be mandated by the school administration.

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