

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The SRSD shall adhere to the following requirements in prevention, control and containment of communicable diseases in schools:

Universal Precautions

Routine Universal Precautions¹ shall be followed at all times and adequate sanitation in facilities will be available for handling blood or body fluids within the school setting.

Instruction

Instruction shall be provided to all students on the principal modes by which communicable diseases are spread. The best methods for the prevention and/or limiting the spread of these diseases shall be taught to all students according to grade appropriate curriculum with education provided to all staff members as needed.

Immunization Compliance

Students shall be in compliance with the immunization requirements of the State of New Hampshire² and Shaker Regional School District Policy³. Students not meeting the immunization requirements, taking into account exemptions, shall be excluded from school.

Exclusion from School

In the event anyone within the school is discovered or suspected to have a communicable disease that may result in transmission to other students, faculty, or staff, that person shall be immediately isolated pending further medical examination. The New Hampshire Communicable Disease Control Section of the Department of Health and Human Services shall be notified immediately.

Any student or staff member found to be infected with a communicable disease that bears risk of transmission will be excluded from school until that individual's primary care physician or other medical personnel indicating that the individual does not bear the risk of transmitting the communicable disease provide medical clearance or the condition is no longer considered contagious according to the State of New Hampshire guidelines.⁴

Emergency Measures

Some infectious diseases, viruses, etc., may be so dangerous and or the risk of casual transmission so great, that effective response will require emergency measures. Based upon specific recommendations of local, state and/or federal health authorities, the Superintendent is authorized to implement such additional, extraordinary emergency measures as may be necessary and appropriate to address the health risk. Examples may include, but are not limited to, school closure, population exclusion (stay-at-home type instructions), mandatory screenings, mandatory use of personal protective equipment (PPE's), social distancing orders, administrative leaves or temporary adjustments in duties. Such measures should be taken with prior notice to the Board, if practicable, or as soon as possible thereafter. The Board Chair may determine that the circumstances, or the measures implemented by the Superintendent, warrant a special or an emergency meeting of the School Board.

¹U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Regulations (Standards 29-CFR)

² NH RSA 141-C:20 – a-e

³ SRSD Policy JLCB

⁴ NH RSA 141-C:20-d

1 **Medical Records**

2 The **SRSD** shall not disclose medical information without the consent of the staff member, student or
3 his/her parent or guardian, whichever is applicable.⁵

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5 The Superintendent of Schools shall publish rules and procedures related to this policy.

⁵ SRSD Policy JRA and SRSD Rules & Procedures JRA-R&P