

XXI. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

- A. Diseases Spread by Casual Contact/Student Return Home. A student may be excluded from school if the student is known to have a communicable disease or parasite known to be spread by any form of casual contact and considered a health threat to the school population. Only the Superintendent has the authority to exclude any student, and the exclusion will be for a period of time prescribed by the local health department, school nurse, or physician. If requested by the Principal, a statement of clearance from the Department of Health, school nurse, or a physician will be required before the student may return to school, and the school will advise the parent of conditions to be satisfied prior to the student's return to school.

In accordance with public health guidelines designed to decrease the spread of communicable diseases, a student will not be allowed to remain in school and will be dismissed with evidence of the following or similar conditions. If a student is present at school with any of the following symptoms, the legal custodial parent will be called to pick up the student.

1. Temperature of one hundred (100) degrees F. or higher (Must be fever free for twenty-four (24) hours without the use of fever reducing medication).
2. Vomiting and/or diarrhea within the last twenty-four (24) hours.
3. Productive cough.
4. Rashes of unknown origin (Student may be readmitted with evidence of physician diagnosis and treatment required).
5. Conjunctivitis (Student may return to school after having undergone a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of treatment).
6. Streptococcus or other infection (Student may be readmitted with evidence of physician diagnosis and a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of antibiotic treatment).
7. Impetigo (Student may be readmitted with evidence of physician diagnosis and a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours of antibiotic treatment. Lesions must be covered when the student returns to school).
8. Scabies (The proper medication must be used and the final treatment must be completed for twenty-four (24) hours before returning to school. Parent must accompany student to school for the student to be rechecked by the school nurse or Principal for readmission).

9. Ringworm (Must be treated with proper medication. Lesions must be covered when the student returns to school and until lesion is healed.)
10. Head Lice (May not return to school until first head lice treatment is completed. Parent must accompany student to school for the student to be rechecked by the school nurse or Principal for readmission. The student must be free of live lice).
11. Undiagnosed Open Sores (If the student has an open sore that appears infectious (oozing fluid or pus), the student must see a physician, be treated as necessary and present evidence of physician diagnosis for readmittance).
12. Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease (Student may return to school with a physician's diagnosis and must be free of fever for twenty-four (24) hours).

B. Diseases Not Spread by Casual Contact. Communicable diseases known not to be spread by casual contact, e.g., AIDS, Hepatitis B and other like diseases, will be handled on a case-by-case basis.