



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

POLICY 3120 Communicable Diseases

*"Inspire learners, Integrate sustainability,
Involve community"*

Section: Health and Safety

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Definition:

"**Communicable disease**" means an illness caused by an infectious agent or its toxic products.

Rationale:

Schools are well-known sites for communicable disease transmission, and the risk of transmitting infection in a group increases with its size. The incidence of transmission of some diseases is greatly decreased through easily taught and practiced preventive measures such as hand washing and covered coughing; through focused and intensified custodial practices; and through a variety of prevention programs, including immunization. An effective strategy for protecting the health of a school's student and adult population is best ensured when anyone who has contracted a communicable disease remains at home and doesn't come to school, until the transmission period has passed

Policy:

The School District No. 64 Board of Education directs school principals to ensure that simple preventive measures are taught and practiced, and to cooperate on the board's behalf with the Ministry of Health by facilitating communicable disease prevention and control programs, including immunization.

Where students or employees are afflicted with a more serious communicable disease, the Board directs the Superintendent of Schools, in the capacity of the district's school medical officer, to review each case on an individual basis and consultation with the regional Medical Health Officer as necessary, to establish an appropriate course of action, consistent with provisions in the School Act.

If a student aged 16 or younger is excluded from school, the school must, consistent with legislation, continue to make available an educational program.

References:

- The School Act, sections 88, 89, 90, 91, and 92.
- The Public Health Act