

## MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE SCHOOL

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the right of the student to a public education. The board also recognizes its responsibility to protect the health and safety, rights, and privacy of the entire school community regarding communicable diseases.

Communicable diseases are illnesses that are spread from person to person in a variety of ways, including:

- droplets;
- direct or indirect contact

Please refer to the following routine practices and additional precautions document for more detailed information on routes of transmission.

<https://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/docs/ipc/rpap.pdf>

Students may be required to stay at home during the infectious period. This may be mandated by the school administration.

For guidance in the school setting regarding common infectious diseases seen in schools, it is recommended to refer to the Canadian Paediatric Society Managing Infections tables. Please see the Canadian Pediatric Society website for information on how each disease is spread, its symptoms and infectious period, and information on whether an infected person should not be attending school or day care.

[https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/common\\_infections\\_and\\_your\\_child](https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/common_infections_and_your_child)

In the best interest of all students and staff:

- (a) Information and education is provided for students, employees, and parents/guardians regarding the transmission of communicable diseases.
- (b) Precautions should be adopted by all staff to prevent transmitting of communicable diseases.
- (c) The best approach is to treat all body fluids of every person as potentially infectious.
- (d) The spread of most communicable diseases is minimized by procedures such as:
  - hand hygiene;
  - routine practices and additional precautions.

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- (e) Policies and procedures are in place to respond to accidental exposure to body fluids (JLCEA - Routine Practices and Additional Precautions).
- (f) Schools will follow accepted cleaning standards (JLCEA - Routine Practices and Additional Precautions).

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Management of Communicable Diseases Information