

INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

The Governing Board recognizes its dual responsibility to protect the health of students from risks posed by infectious diseases and to uphold the right of students to a free and appropriate education. The District requires all staff to routinely observe universal precautions to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and prevent the spread of all infectious disease. A comprehensive approach to disease prevention requires the cooperation of the home and the community.

(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

All students and employees shall be informed of the universal precautions to be used whenever anyone is exposed to blood or other body fluids through injury or accident. Science laboratory instruction shall be designed to protect students from contact with body fluids and with contaminated needles, sharps and other objects.

(cf. 4119.42 - Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens)

(cf. 4119.43 - Universal Precautions)

(cf. 5161 - Accidents)

(cf. 5165.1 - Immunizations)

(cf. 6142.2 - AIDS prevention Instruction)

(cf. 6145.2 - Interscholastic Competition)

In determining whether to exclude a child with a suspected or diagnosed infectious disease, the Executive Director, Pupil Services, or District nurse shall consult the child's parent/guardian and the student's physician and/or the County Health Department, as required by law. The Executive Director, Pupil Services, or District nurse may also refer to State Department of Health Services documents and/or American Academy of Pediatrics documents.

The decision to admit a student with a disease that is contagious within the school setting shall be determined by the Superintendent or designee in accordance with standard procedures. The District shall exclude students due to infectious disease control in accordance with law.

(cf. 5112.1 - Exclusions from Attendance)

(cf. 5165 - Health Examinations)

(cf. 5165.2 - Tuberculosis Testing)

Students with Bloodborne Pathogen Infections

The Board recognizes that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) are bloodborne pathogens and not casually transmitted. Children with bloodborne pathogen

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infections are entitled to attend school and receive a free and appropriate public education. The sole presence of bloodborne pathogens is not sufficient reason to exclude students from attending school.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform the Superintendent or designee if their child has HIV/AIDS so that school staff may keep the student's parents/guardians informed of any outbreak of disease at school. The District will work cooperatively with the student's parent/guardian and physician to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting.

No District employee shall release medical information, including knowledge of a bloodborne pathogen infection, without written consent from the parent/guardian. Such information may be shared only with those persons specifically named in the written permission.

The parent/guardian of a student with HIV/AIDS may ask the Superintendent or designee to convene a review panel to make recommendations regarding appropriate programs and services. The parent/guardian must provide written permission for the disclosure of confidential information to each review panel member.

The Board desires to be supportive of students infected with bloodborne pathogens and to help their families cope with difficulties they may face. The Board believes that schools can play an important role in educating the school community about the nature of bloodborne pathogens and alleviating fears about their transmission.

Infectious Disease Precautions - Athletes

To minimize the possibility of transmitting infectious diseases through blood or other body fluids during athletic team practice and competition, the following precautions will be implemented:

1. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated.
2. Immediate washing of hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated by contact with blood or other body fluids. Hands to be washed immediately after removing gloves.
3. Cleaning of all blood-contaminated surfaces and equipment with district-approved germicidal solution before competition resumes.

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4. Bloodied portions of uniforms will be properly disinfected or the uniform changed before the athlete involved may participate.
5. Mouthpieces, resuscitation bags or other ventilation devices will be available for emergency direct mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
6. Any staff member with an open wound or an oozing skin condition will refrain from all direct athletic contact until his/her condition has been adequately treated.
7. Contaminated towels will be properly disinfected or disposed of.
8. Standard infection control procedures will be used for the immediate control of bleeding or when handling bloody dressings, mouthguards or other articles containing body fluids.
9. Participants directly exposed to a potentially infectious contaminate will be counseled to contact their health care provider to determine the need for any appropriate follow-up care.

In addition to the above general precautions, specific measures will be implemented according to current California Interscholastic Federation rules for specific sports and activities.

Legal Reference: (see next page)

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Legal Reference:

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION

Article 1, section 1 - Right to Privacy

CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 Confidentiality of Medical Information Act

1798-1798.76 Information Practices Act

EDUCATION CODE

48210-48214 Persons excluded

49073-49075 Privacy of pupil records

49076 Access to records by persons without written consent or under judicial order

49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of students

49405 Smallpox control

49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

49408 Information of use in emergencies

49450 Rules to insure proper care and secrecy

49451 Parent's refusal to consent to medical exam

49602 Confidentiality of student information

51202 Instruction in personal and public health and safety

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 8

5193 California Bloodborne Pathogens Standard

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500-2508 Communicable disease reporting requirements

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

199.20 Prohibition against compelling identification of AIDS test subjects

199.21 Unauthorized disclosures

199.24 Disclosure to certain persons without written consent

199.30-199.40 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome Research Confidentiality Act

3118 re exclusion for communicable diseases

3380-3390 Immunization against communicable diseases

3400-3409 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

1232g Family Educational and Privacy Rights Act

1400 et seq. Education for All Handicapped Children

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

Doe v. Belleville Public School District, (1987) 672 F. Supp. 342

Thomas v. Atascadero Unified School District, (1987) 662 F. Supp. 376

Phipps v. Saddleback Valley Unified School District, (1988), 204 Cal. App. 3d 1110

Management Resources: (see next page)

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Management Resources:

CDE PROGRAM ADVISORIES

0509.86 AIDS Guidelines

1016.89 Guidelines for Informing School Employees about Preventing the Spread of infectious Diseases, including Hepatitis B and AIDS/HIV Infections and Policies for Dealing with HIV-Infected persons in School Settings