

Safety and Emergency Measures 10200 Communicable Diseases and Medical Conditions (Category 1, 2, and 3 Communicable Diseases)	Administrative Application	
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	References:	The Education Act, 1995, Sec. 190(5), 231(2)(l)(m) The Public Health Act, Sec. 32(1)(c), (2)(c), (3), Sec. 44, Sec. 6 The Disease Control Regulations, 2017 Saskatchewan Health Authority – Communicable Disease Guidelines 2023 Policy 12 – Role of the Director
	Status:	Operational

Preamble

The well-being and rights of students and staff shall be duly considered in all educational and work environments. All actions and reporting in relation to communicable diseases and other medical conditions shall be conducted in accordance with *The Education Act* and *The Public Health Act* and regulations pursuant to this application.

Definition

1. **Communicable Disease** is an infection in humans that is caused by an organism or microorganism such as bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi or its toxic products and is transmitted directly or indirectly from an infected person or animal or from the environment.

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1. **Relating to students Infected with HIV or Category 3 communicable diseases (see Appendix A – Category 1, 2, and 3 Communicable Diseases)**
 - a. Upon receipt of information that a student infected with HIV or other Category 3 communicable diseases is enrolled in the school division, the Director or designated senior administrator shall seek the advice of the local Medical Health Officer.
 - b. Dissemination of information regarding the infected student shall be determined by the Director or designated senior administrator, in consultation with the Medical Health Officer, in accordance with *The Public Health Act, 1994, Sec. 65*.
 - c. An infected student shall not be excluded from the regular educational program except on the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer.

- d. Where an infected student is excluded from school, an alternate education program will be provided when requested by the student or parent.

2. Relating to staff infected with HIV or Category 3 communicable diseases:

- a. Upon receipt of information that a staff member is infected with HIV or other Category 3 communicable diseases, the Director or designated senior administrator shall seek the advice of the local Medical Health Officer.
- b. Dissemination of information regarding the infected staff member shall be determined by the Director or designated senior administrator, in consultation with the Medical Health Officer, in accordance with *The Public Health Act, 1994*, Sec. 65.
- c. An infected staff member shall not be prevented from carrying out assigned duties of employment except on the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer.

3. Relating to other medical conditions:

- a. In the case of students, the principal shall:
 - i. Consult with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student regarding the possible distribution of information concerning the particular medical condition of the student.
 - ii. Contact the area superintendent to discuss and process a student medical condition.
 - iii. In collaboration with the area superintendent it may be needed to consult with the Communicable Diseases Manager of the Saskatchewan Health Authority before the dissemination of information about a reportable communicable disease.
- b. In the case of staff, the immediate supervisor shall:
 - i. Consult with the staff member regarding the possible distribution of information concerning their particular medical condition.
 - ii. Consult with the Communicable Diseases Manager of the Saskatchewan Health Authority before the dissemination of information about a reportable communicable disease.
- c. In cases where the release of information is a contentious issue, the person responsible for reporting shall follow the advice of the Medical Health Officer.

4. All schools shall follow routine procedures for handling blood and body fluids.

Appendix A

Category 1, 2, and 3 Communicable Diseases

Definition

1. **Communicable Disease** - is an infection in humans that is caused by an organism or microorganism such as bacteria, viruses, parasites and fungi or its toxic products and is transmitted directly or indirectly from an infected person or animal or from the environment.

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Type 1 and 2 communicable diseases are listed below. Review to *Administrative Application 10200 – Communicable Diseases and Medical Conditions* for further direction.

Category 1 Communicable Diseases

Acute Flaccid Paralysis	Haemophilus Influenzae Invasive disease - all typeable and non-typeable strains
Amoebiasis	Haemorrhagic Fevers – viral
Anthrax	Hantavirus infections
Botulism	Hepatitis A
Brucellosis	Human Parvovirus infection
Campylobacteriosis	Infections associated with antimicrobial resistant organisms
Chickenpox	Influenza – lab confirmed
Cholera	Legionellosis
Clostridium Difficile infection	Leprosy
Congenital Rubella syndrome	Leptospirosis
Coronavirus infections associated with severe Acute Respiratory syndrome	Listeriosis
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, all forms and other transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE)	Lyme disease
Cryptosporidiosis	Malaria
Cyclosporiasis	Measles
Diphtheria	Meningococcal Invasive disease
Encephalitis – vector-borne	Mumps
Food poisoning of animal, bacterial, viral or chemical origin	Paratyphoid Fever
Giardiasis	Pertussis
	Plague

Pneumococcal Invasive disease	Streptococcal A – invasive disease
Poliomyelitis	Streptococcal B – invasive disease
Psittacosis	Tetanus
Rabies	Toxoplasmosis
Rickettsial disease	Trichinosis
Rubella	Tularemia
Salmonellosis, excluding Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	Typhoid Fever
Severe Acute Respiratory Illness	Verotoxigenic Escherichia Coli infections
Shigellosis	West Nile virus infections
Smallpox	Yellow Fever
	Yersiniosis

Category 2 Communicable Diseases

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)	Hepatitis D
Chancroid	Hepatitis – other viral
Chlamydia Trachomatis Infections excluding Lymphogranuloma Venereum	Human Immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)
Gonococcal infections	Human T Lymphotropic virus, Type I and II
Granuloma Inguinale	Lymphogranuloma Venereum
Hepatitis B	Neonatal/Congenital Herpes
Hepatitis C	Syphilis
	Tuberculosis

Category 3 Communicable Diseases

Anthrax
Creutzfeldt - Jakob disease, classical or new variant
Haemorrhagic Fever – viral
Plague
Smallpox
Coronavirus disease COVID-19