



COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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SK'ELEP SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE POLICY

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Policy Statement/Goals

The Sk'elep School Board wants to maintain a healthy environment for students, staff, volunteers, parents, and visitors. The Board will strive to eliminate the presence of communicable diseases within the School.

Regulations

Communicable diseases are defined by specific disease characteristics (eg. tuberculosis or meningitis) that could put others at risk of contracting a serious debilitating illness or death, and do not include such things as the common cold or the common twenty-four type of flu.

Staff

1. All staff members will be required to undergo a medical screening at the time of hire and the results will be placed on record in their personnel file.
2. Any staff member that (at any time) learns that he/she has a communicable disease must report this information to the Principal. The staff member will be excused from work (under the Sick Leave guidelines in the Personnel Policy) pending a written diagnosis and treatment plan by a Physician.
3. The Principal will contact the Medical Health Officer in Kamloops to get direction on how to handle the situation.
4. The affected staff member will not be allowed to return to work until the communicable aspect of the condition has been cleared (with written confirmation) by a Physician or the Medical Health Officer.

Students

1. Parents/guardians will be required to report any communicable disease present in their child/children.
2. If the Principal or a teacher learns of a student who may have a communicable disease, he/she will discuss the situation with the parents, and inform them that the student will be excused from school until an assessment is completed by a Physician and the results received (in writing) by the school, including a treatment plan if necessary.
3. If a student contracts a communicable disease, they will receive an educational program at home until such time as the condition has been cleared by a Physician and written confirmation has been received by the School.