

APPENDIX I

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PROCEDURE

School control measures for communicable diseases are taken from “Communicable Diseases in Schools and Preschools” by the NH Division of Public Health Services Bureau of Disease Control. A more complete listing is available in the NH Department of Education 2000 School Nurses Resource Manual.

AIDS – See separate policy

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) - exclude those with purulent drainage until examined by a physician and approved for re-admission with or without treatment.

Hepatitis A – exclude for 7 days after onset of jaundice

Hepatitis B – no exclusion needed

Haemophilus Influenza Type-B (Hib) – exclude while ill and until 24 hours of therapy has been completed

Impetigo – exclude from school for 24 hours after they have begun antibiotic treatment

Infectious Diarrhea – for those with nonspecific diarrhea exclude until symptoms resolve

Measles – exclude from school for 4 calendar days after appearance of rash. Exclude all non-immunized individuals and those susceptible for two weeks after onset of rash in the last measles case

Meningitis, Bacterial – exclude until treatment completed

Meningitis, Viral – exclude until medical provider contacted and cleared for admittance

Mumps – exclude from school for 9 calendar days from onset of swelling. Exclude all non-immunized individuals for 25 days after onset of symptoms from last case

Pediculosis (head lice and nits) – exclude from school until after first treatment. Recheck in 7-10 days, exclusion if live lice noted. Continue working with family to achieve nit free environment

Pertussis – exclude from school for 3 weeks following development of whooping cough, if untreated. Exclude for 5 days after onset of treatment. Exclude non-immunized student from school and public gatherings for 14 days after last exposed to a household or similar case

Rubella – exclude from school for 7 days after onset of rash. Exclude all non-immunized susceptible individuals until 3 weeks after rash onset of last reported case

Scabies – exclusion from school for 24 hours after student and family have been treated adequately

Scarlet Fever and Strep Throat – exclude from school until 24 hours after treatment has been started

Tuberculosis – exclude anyone diagnosed with active TB until they are determined to be non-infectious by MD and the Bureau of Disease Control. Persons with a positive PPD should be examined by a physician, receive a chest x-ray and be considered for taking preventive therapy

Varicella (chicken pox) – exclude from school for at least one week after the appearance of rash or longer if the lesions are not crusted and dried

What Diseases Must be Reported to Health Officials

New Hampshire's law requires the reporting of several suspected or confirmed diseases; you play an important role in the control of these diseases by promptly and completely reporting them. Some must be reported immediately by phone, as follows:

- * Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- * Anthrax*
- * Botulism*
- * Brucellosis
- * Campylobacteriosis
- * Chlamydial infection, including chlamydial pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), pneumonia, Conjunctivitis, cervicitis, and urethritis
- * Cholera*
- * Coccidiomycosis
- * Cyclospora infection
- * Cryptosporidiosis
- * Diphtheria'
- * Ehrlichiosis
- * Encephalitis, arboviral only*
- * *Escherichia coli* 0157 infection and other shiga toxin producing *E. coli*
- * Food poisoning*
- * Giardiasis

- * Gonorrhea, including gonococcal ophthalmia neonatorum, gonococcal pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), and disseminated gonococcal disease
- * *Haemophilus influenzae*, invasive disease*
- * Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome*
- * Hemolytic uremic syndrome
- * Hepatitis, viral: A', B, E, G
- * Hepatitis, viral: positive B surface antigen in a pregnant woman
- * Human Immunodeficiency Virus (not name identified)
- * Invasive group A *Streptococcus* disease
- * Invasive group B *Streptococcus* disease
- * Legionellosis
- * Leprosy, Hansen's disease
- * Listeriosis
- * Lyme disease
- * Malaria
- * Measles*
- * *Neisseria meningitides*, invasive disease'
- * Mucopurulent cervicitis (MPC)
- * Mumps*
- * Non-gonococcal urethritis (NGU)
- * Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), unspecified
- * Pertussis'
- * Plague*
- * Pneumocystis pneumonia
- * Poliomyelitis'

- Psittacosis
- Rabies in humans or animals*
- Rocky Mountain spotted fever
- Rubella, including congenital rubella syndrome*
- Salmonellosis
- Shigellosis
- Syphilis, including congenital syphilis syndrome
- Tetanus
- Toxic-shock syndrome (TSS) (streptococcal or staphylococcal)
- Trichinosis
- Tuberculosis disease*
- Tuberculosis infection
- Typhoid fever*
- Typhus fever
- VRE
- VRSA
- Yersiniosis

**these should be reported within 24 hours-all others: 72 hours*

How To Report Diseases

If you have any information regarding an infectious disease or a health problem that may affect the welfare of a child, please notify the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control

By Telephone at:

(603) 271-4496 or
(800)-852-3345, ext. 4496

By fax at:

(603) 271-0545

Or by mail, at:

6 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301-6527

**PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DISEASE!
REPORT IT.**

TITLE XV EDUCATION
CHAPTER 200 HEALTH AND SANITATION

School Health Services

200:32 Physical Examination of Pupils. – There shall be a complete physical examination by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner of each child prior to or upon first entry into the public school system and thereafter as often as deemed necessary by the local school authority. The result of the child's physical examination shall be presented to the local school officials on a form provided by the local school authorities. No physical examination shall be required of a child whose parent or guardian objects thereto in writing on the grounds that such physical examination is contrary to the child's religious tenets and teachings.

Source. 1971, 499:1, eff. Sept. 4, 1971. 1996, 277:1, eff. Aug. 9, 1996.

200:38 Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases; Duties of School Nurse.

I. Each school nurse shall ensure that:

(a) All children shall be immunized prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a.

(b) [Repealed.]

(c) All children shall have a complete physical examination prior to school entrance in accordance with RSA 200:32.

II. If the provisions of paragraph I are not met, each school nurse shall be responsible for informing school administrators of the noncompliance and for assisting with meeting such requirements, unless the child is exempted under RSA 141-C:20-c.

Source. 1971, 499:1. 1987, 193:8, eff. Jan. 1, 1988. 1996, 277:2, eff. Aug. 9, 1996. 2001, 83:2, II, eff. Aug. 18, 2001.

200:39 Exclusion from School. – Whenever any student exhibits symptoms of contagion or is a hazard to himself or others, he shall be excluded from the classroom and his parents or guardians shall be notified as soon as possible.

Source. 1971, 499:1, eff. Sept. 4, 1971.