



Policy: Communicable Diseases
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Policy

Hanover School Division (HSD) believes that it is important to work collaboratively with local and provincial health authorities to help maintain a healthy work and learning environment for all students and staff. The prevention, management and control of communicable diseases requires the active participation and cooperation of all HSD staff, local and provincial health-care professionals and practitioners.

The refusal or neglect of parents or guardians to obtain proper treatment (medical or otherwise) for a child that has or is suspected to have a communicable disease is deemed to be a violation of The Public Schools Act. This violation is a summary offence and parents/guardians could be fined.

Upon being notified that an order has been made under The Public Schools Act that requires a student to refrain from attending school, the student must be excluded from attendance at school, and cannot resume attendance at that or any other school while the order is in effect.

Guidelines

1. The Principals and teachers, wherever possible, will assist local health authorities in maintaining the safety and health of students.
2. Where teachers suspect a communicable disease in the home, or if they are in doubt on any question involving the health of the students, the principal shall be informed.
3. In order to investigate a case or suspected case of a communicable disease, a medical officer, a public health nurse or other person authorized by a medical officer, may examine any student.
4. All body fluids will be treated as potentially infectious and universal blood handling procedures will be used when dealing with blood/body fluids.
5. The school principal may require any student (after consultation with the Public Health Nurse) to stay at home during the infectious period of communicable disease.
6. Hand washing, cleaning/disinfecting, proper disposal of blood/body fluids are several preventative practices that schools will incorporate as routine procedures within the school.
7. A list of Communicable Diseases in Manitoba may be found at the Manitoba Government Website at http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/current/_pdf-regs.php?reg=37/2009#page=13

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