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Illness

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When pupils are taken suddenly ill in school, they shall be sent or escorted to the School Nurse. If the Nurse is not in the medical office, the pupil shall be sent or taken to the main office. In general, the same procedures that apply to accidents shall apply to sudden pupil illness. The Superintendent of Schools, in cooperation with the Medical Inspector and the Nurse shall implement this policy.

Control of Contagious Diseases or Conditions

In order to protect the health of the pupils in our school district, all regulations of the NJ State Department of Education and the local Board of Health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious or infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils who have been absent because of contagious or infectious diseases or conditions must present a certificate of recovery from a licensed physician or be examined by the Medical Inspector.

The School Nurse shall observe pupils who show evidence of communicable disease and recommend their exclusion to the Superintendent of Schools. Such pupils shall be isolated in the Nurse's office until a parent/guardian picks them up, and any necessary measures taken to prevent spread of the infection. The School Nurse, under the direction of the Medical Inspector, shall instruct all teachers in the symptoms of the most common diseases or conditions at least once a year.

Any student with HIV infection or AIDS or who lives with or is related to someone with HIV or AIDS shall not be excluded from general education, transportation services, extracurricular activities, athletic activities, assigned to home instruction or classified as eligible for special education because of the HIV infection. The School Nurse shall recommend the exclusion of any individual with weeping skin lesions that cannot be covered.

In addition to the review of health and safety measure required by law, the School Nurse shall individually instruct teachers from whose classrooms a pupils has been excluded in the symptoms of the disease for which the pupil was excluded. No teacher shall attempt to diagnose any illness of a pupil, but shall refer suspected cases to the School Nurse immediately.

Handling Blood and Body Fluids

The Superintendent of Schools, Medical Inspector and School Nurse shall develop detailed routine procedures based on NJ Administrative Code and Guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control for the proper handling of blood and body fluids resulting from illness/accidents in the school. These procedures shall be disseminated to all district staff.

The Medical Inspector shall report all cases of communicable disease to the local Board of Health as required by law.

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Legal References

- NJSA 18A:16-6 Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions
18A:16-6.1 Indemnity of officers and employees in certain criminal actions
18A:40-3 Lectures to teachers
18A:40-7 Exclusion of pupils who are ill
18A:40-8 Exclusion of pupils whose presence is detrimental to health and cleanliness
18A:40-10 Exclusion of teachers and pupils exposed to disease
18A:40-11 Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
18A:40-12 Closing schools during epidemic
18A:40-25 Boards of education to provide nursing care to students in nonpublic schools
26:4-6 Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
26:4-15 Reporting of communicable diseases by physicians
26:5C-1 et seq. AIDS Assistance Act
26:2T-1 Newly diagnosed Hepatitis C case; information, reports
- NJAC 6A:16-1.1 et seq. Programs to Support Student Development
8:57-1.1 et seq. Reportable Communicable Diseases
8:61-1.1 Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)