

Infectious Diseases Procedures

District staff will follow reporting guidelines as required by the local health department and the Infectious Disease Control Guide - SPI.

Identification and follow-up

1. The length of absence from school for a student ill from a contagious disease is determined by the directions given in the Infectious Disease Control Guide or instructions provided by the attending physician, or instructions from the local health officer.
2. The principal/nurse has the final responsibility for enforcing all exclusions.
3. When the principal suspects a nuisance disease such as pediculosis (lice), the principal may institute screening procedures to determine if, in fact, the disease exists, he/she may exclude the student from school until successfully treated.

Special Treatment of Students Infected with HIV

The student will be accommodated in a least restrictive manner, free of discrimination, without endangering the other students or staff. The student may only be excluded from school on the written concurrence of the public health officer and the student's personal physician, that remaining or returning to school would constitute a risk either to the student or to employees or other students.

All discussions and records will be treated as confidential, consistent with RCW 70.24.105.

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