

DIRECT CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

~~The Board seeks to provide a safe educational environment for students and staff. This can best be accomplished by assuring that all persons within the school community understand the method of transmission and prevention of diseases that are not contracted through air borne pathogens, but rather, through direct contact with body fluids and excretions, especially blood, vomit, feces, or urine. The Board is also committed to assuring the confidential status of individuals who may have been diagnosed with a blood borne communicable disease. Student instruction will be developmentally appropriate.~~

~~For purposes of this policy, these disease shall include:~~

- ~~A. — HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus);~~
- ~~B. — AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome);~~
- ~~C. — AIDS related complex (condition);~~
- ~~D. — HAV, HBV, HCV (Hepatitis A, B, C);~~
- ~~E. — other diseases that may be specified by the State Department of Health as contact communicable diseases.~~

~~The Board recognizes the fact that individuals who have contracted these diseases may not exhibit symptoms for many years after exposure and may, in fact, not be aware that they have contracted the disease. They are, however, able to transmit the disease to other individuals.~~

~~With this in mind, the Board directs the Superintendent to develop programs/procedures for students and staff for the purpose of understanding the manner in which these diseases may be prevented and how they are transmitted. These programs/procedures should specify, the risk factors involved, how to deal with those risks, and emphasize the fact that these diseases are preventable if basic precautions are taken.~~

~~The Board further directs the Superintendent to assure that students or staff who reveal the fact they have contracted one (1) of these diseases will have their status safeguarded in accordance with Federal and State statutes dealing with confidentiality and that their civil rights will be respected. Staff members will have access to District leave policies in accordance with Board policy and negotiated agreement and opportunities for reasonable accommodation as described by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should a student be unable to attend school as a result of illness, an alternative education program shall be provided in accordance with the Board's policy and administrative procedures dealing with homebound instruction.~~

~~F.S. 381.0037, 1001.41, 1003.22, 1003.46~~

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