

## ILLNESS

When pupils are taken suddenly ill in school, they shall be sent or escorted to the nurse's office. If the nurse is not in the medical office, the pupil shall be sent or taken to the office. In general, the same procedures that apply to accidents shall apply to sudden pupil illness. The Superintendent/Principal, in cooperation with the school nurse, shall implement this policy.

### Control of Contagious Diseases or Conditions

In order to protect the health of the pupils in our schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health 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 school physician.

The school nurse shall observe pupils who show evidence of communicable disease and recommend their exclusion to the school principal. Recommendations shall be consistent with reporting requirements on communicable diseases as set forth in the New Jersey Health Code. Such pupils shall be isolated in the nurse's office until a parent/guardian picks them up, and any necessary measures will be taken to prevent the spread of the infection. The school nurse, under the direction of the school physician, 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. Policy 5141.22 HIV/AIDS includes further details with respect to HIV/AIDS infected students and staff. HIV/AIDS education is addressed in policy 6142.13 HIV Prevention Education.

### Handling Blood and Body Fluids

The Superintendent/Principal and school nurse shall develop detailed routine procedures based on New Jersey administrative code and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control for proper handling of blood and body fluids resulting from illness/accidents in the schools. These procedures shall be disseminated to all district staff and volunteers.

The school nurse shall report all cases of communicable disease to the local board of health as required by law.

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### **Legal References:**

N.J.S.A.	18A:16-6	Indemnity of officers and employees against civil actions
N.J.S.A.	18A:16-6.1	Indemnity of officers and employees in certain criminal actions
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-3	Lectures to teachers
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-3.2 et seq.	Medical and nursing personnel
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-7	Exclusion of pupils who are ill

N.J.S.A.	18A:40-8	Exclusion of pupils whose presence is detrimental to health and cleanliness
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-10	Exclusion of teachers and pupils exposed to disease
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-11	Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-12	Closing schools during epidemic
N.J.S.A.	26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
N.J.S.A.	26:4-15	Reporting of communicable diseases by physicians
N.J.S.A.	26:5C-1 et seq.	AIDS Assistance act
N.J.A.C.	6:29-1.1 et seq.	Health, Safety and Physical Education

See particularly:

N.J.A.C.	6:29-1.2(b)1v, 1vi, -1.3(a)1, 2, 3, 4, -1.3(d), -1.3(e), -2.4, -2.5, 8
N.J.A.C.	8:57-1.1 et seq. Reportable Communicable Diseases

See particularly:

N.J.A.C.	8:57-1.3, -1.7, -2
N.J.A.C.	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)

HIV Policy and Practice: Regulatory Requirements for New Jersey Public Schools, SDOE Division of Student Services, Sept. 1996, Doc. #P101400-31.

### **Cross References:**

1410	Local Units
4112.4	Employee health
4131/4131.1	Staff development; inservice education/visitations/conferences
4212.4	Employee health
5113	Absences and excuses
5125	Pupil records
5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
5141	Health
5141.1	Accidents
5141.4	Child Abuse and neglect
5200	Nonpublic school pupils
6142.13	HIV prevention education