

Pandemic/Epidemic

If anyone within the school is discovered or suspected to have a communicable disease that may result in an epidemic/pandemic, that person shall be immediately quarantined pending further medical examination. Local health officials shall be notified immediately.

Any student or staff member found to be infected with a communicable disease that bears risk of pandemic/epidemic will not be allowed to attend school until medical clearance is provided by the individual's primary care physician or other medical personnel indicating that the risk of that individual transmitting the disease no longer exists.

In the event of prolonged school closings and/or extended absences by staff or students as the result of a flu pandemic or other catastrophe, the superintendent shall develop a pandemic/epidemic emergency plan that includes at a minimum:

- A. The chain of command for the emergency plan and the individuals responsible for specific duties such as quarantine;
- B. The specific steps the district will take to stop the spread of the disease;
- C. The process for identifying sick students;
- D. The transportation plan for sick students;
- F. A continuing education plan for students, such a plan may include providing students with assignments via mail, local access cable television, or the school district's Web site;
- G. Procedures for dealing with student privacy rights;
- H. A continuity of operations plan for central office functions including employee leave, pay and benefits during a pandemic; and
- I. An ongoing communication plan for staff, students and parents.