

INFECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain vaccine-preventable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the board strongly urges that school staff members (including volunteers) provide documentation of immunization or evidence of immunity against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. The following immunizations are recommended for school staff: measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox), diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (Tdap and Td), and influenza (flu). Staff members born prior to January 1, 1957, need not provide evidence of immunity to measles; these individuals are considered naturally immune.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease in school, the local health officer has the authority to exclude a susceptible staff member. If excluded he/she is not eligible to receive sick leave benefits because of the exclusion itself. To qualify for benefits, he/she must be ill or temporarily physically disabled or is otherwise provided for in a collective bargaining agreement.

Blood or Other Potentially Infectious Material

The superintendent or designee will evaluate all job duties of district employees to determine which employees have reasonably anticipated on-the-job exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material. The district will maintain a list of job classifications where employees have reasonably anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material. The hepatitis B vaccine shall be provided at the district's expense to all employees identified as having risk of directly contacting blood or other potentially infectious material at work. In the event that an employee has a specific exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material, the employee will be provided, at district expense, with confidential medical evaluation, follow-up as required by law. .

The district will provide annual training to all employees with reasonably anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material. All employees shall receive district provided training on HIV/AIDS within six months of initial employment.

Records shall be kept in strict confidence regarding the hepatitis B vaccine status of all employees with reasonably anticipated exposure to blood or other potentially infectious material and for each occupational exposure an employee has to blood or other potentially infectious material. The records shall be kept for the duration of the employee's employment, plus thirty years. The district shall also keep records that employees have received appropriate training.

Cross reference: Board Policy 3414
 Board Policy 5630

Infectious Disease
Volunteers

Legal References: WAC 246-110
 WAC 296-823

Contagious Disease – School Districts and
Childcare centers
Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne
Pathogens

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Training — school employees — HIV/AIDS

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