

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 building office. In general, the same procedures which apply to accidents shall apply to sudden pupil illness. The Superintendent, in cooperation with the medical inspector, shall implement this policy.

Control of Contagious Diseases or Conditions

In order to protect the health of the pupils in the Holmdel 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 nurse.

The school nurse shall observe pupils who show evidence of communicable disease and recommend their exclusion to the school principal. Such pupils shall be isolated in the nurse's office until a parent/guardian picks them up. All necessary measures shall be taken to prevent the spread of the infection.

In addition to the review of health and safety measures required by law, the school nurse shall individually instruct teachers from whose classrooms a pupil has been excluded in the symptoms of the disease for which the pupil was excluded. No teacher shall attempt to diagnose any illness of a pupil, but shall refer suspected cases to the nurse immediately.

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

Handling Blood and Body Fluids

The Superintendent and medical inspector 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 schools. These procedures shall be disseminated to all district staff and volunteers.

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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:40-7 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.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(3), -2.3, -2.4
-2.5, 8

N.J.A.C. 8:57 Communicable diseases

See particularly:

N.J.A.C. 8:57-2

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)

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Possible

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
- *5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
- *5141 Health
- *5141.1 Accidents
- *5141.4 Child abuse and neglect
- *5200 Non-public school pupils
- *6142.13 HIV prevention education

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

