



Rationale

To contain the spread of a communicable disease, both within the school and to the community at large.

To provide for the containment and treatment of the disease for those affected by the disease.

To preserve the health and well-being of those persons unaffected by the communicable disease, be they students, employees of the school or members of the community.

Policy

Principals within the Island Catholic Schools will report any suspected cases of communicable disease to the Health Authorities and will comply with recommended procedures outlined by those authorities.

Regulation

1. Children with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), shall be allowed to attend school programs in an unrestricted setting unless, in the opinion of the local Medical Health Officer, special circumstances dictate otherwise.
2. The right of infected students to privacy will be respected by staff, including the confidentiality records.
3. Information about communicable diseases will be provided to students as part of the regular instructional program as specified within the curriculum.
4. In the event of a suspected communicable disease within a school, the Principal must be informed immediately.
5. The Principal will immediately notify the Communicable Disease Service, Capital Regional District Health Services.
6. The Principal will then immediately inform the superintendent.
7. The Principal will:
 - await a confirmation and an assessment of the situation by the appropriate health authorities pending any action then
 - follow the directions provided by the health authorities.



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