

**Health and Safety Protocols**

The Bethany Board of Education (Board) recognizes the importance of developing health and safety protocols to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and the community during a pandemic/epidemic. The Board thus directs the Superintendent to develop health and safety protocols consistent with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and requirements, and to consider current guidance in the development of such protocols.

Compliance with such health and safety protocols shall be mandatory for all individuals while on school property or participating in a school-sponsored activity unless a legally recognized exemption or exception applies. Failure to comply with such health and safety protocols may lead to disciplinary action for students and staff, and exclusion from school property of the school-sponsored activity for members of the community, in accordance with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and/or Board policies or Administrative Regulations.

The Superintendent shall provide appropriate notice of such health and safety protocols. Notice may be provided by way of electronic mail, regular mail, website posting, student handbooks, employee handbooks, and/or any other appropriate methods.

Legal References:        Connecticut General Statutes § 10-221

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