

<i>Policy</i>	<i>Title</i> DISEASES - COMMUNICABLE	<i>Code</i> JLCC
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HOLLISTON

School age children residing in Holliston have the right to attend the Holliston Public Schools. Admission to or continued attendance in school may be denied to any student diagnosed as having a communicable disease whereby attendance could be harmful to the welfare of other students and staff, subject to the District's obligations to educate children with disabilities.

Management of communicable diseases shall be in accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines. Exclusion from school attendance of students infected with or exposed to a disease dangerous to public health will be implemented as defined by law. The Holliston Public Schools reserve the right to require a physician's statement authorizing the student's return to school. In the event of differing medical opinions, the school physician will make the final determination on the student's return to school following a communicable disease.

The educational placement of a student who is medically diagnosed as having a life-threatening communicable disease shall be determined on an individual basis in accordance with this policy, administrative procedures, Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines and state and federal law. Decisions about the proper educational placement shall be based on 1) the student's behavior, neurological development, and physical condition; 2) the expected type of interaction with others in the school setting; and 3) the susceptibility to other diseases and the likelihood of presenting risks to others or self. A regular review of the placement decision shall be conducted to assess changes in the student's physical condition, or based on new information or research that may warrant a change in a student's placement.

This policy shall not preclude the administration from taking any temporary actions, including removal from the classroom, as deemed necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and others.

In all proceedings related to this policy, the Holliston Public Schools shall respect the student's right to privacy regarding medical records. Only those people with an absolute need to know, as determined by the school physician, shall be informed of the specific nature of the student's condition.

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Policy Cross Reference:	EBBA (Diseases Transited via Blood and Other Potentially Infectious Material – Prevention of) ; IHAMBA (Sex Education Parent Notification) ; JLCCA-GBGGA (HIV)
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