

**SUBJECT: COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

Whenever, upon investigation and evaluation by a District Physician or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of a District Physician, a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he or she will be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The District Physician will immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law.

Following absence on account of illness or from unknown cause, a District physician or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of a District Physician, may examine each student returning to a school without a certificate from a local public health officer, a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and make evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as he/she deem necessary to protect the health of students and staff.

See regulations 5691R which has been developed to deal with communicable diseases in ways that protect the health of both students and staff while minimizing the disruption of the education process.

Education Law Section 906  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 136.3(h) and 136.3(i)

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