
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND ILLNESSES

No student will be denied access to the educational programs of Cherokee County School District; nor will an otherwise qualified individual be denied employment in the School District because he or she is infected with a communicable disease or illness. A student or employee who is infected with a communicable disease or illness will remain in his or her educational or employment setting unless he or she presents a significant risk of contagion, as determined by the Superintendent of Schools and School Board in accordance with protocols established by the State of Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other related public health agencies.

The School District provides educational opportunities for its employees to become informed concerning transmission of communicable diseases and illnesses, including precautions to be taken in handling bodily fluids and blood, whenever necessary. The School District will adhere to standard procedures for handling blood and body fluids, consistent with the CDC's *Universal Precautions for Handling Blood and Body Fluids*.

Neither the School Board nor its employees will disclose medical information about a student or employee with a communicable disease or illness without the consent of the employee or the student or the student's parent or guardian, whichever is applicable, or only as required by law or court order.

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Cherokee County Board of Education