

**Communicable and Infectious Diseases****A. Definition**

A communicable disease listed as such by the Connecticut State Department of Health (DPH) and/or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**B. Procedural Requirements**

1. The school nurse shall immediately inform the school administration when a student or employee is suspected of having a communicable disease.
2. The parent/guardian of the student suspected of having a communicable disease shall be notified and instructed to have the student examined by a physician.
3. The student or employee suspected of having a communicable disease shall be examined by a physician before being permitted to continue attendance at school.
4. All decisions made by school personnel concerning incubation periods, periods of communicability, and minimum control measures shall conform to the regulations and guidelines of the DPH and CDC.
5. The school administration shall immediately notify the Superintendent when the existence of a communicable disease in the school has been identified.
6. When necessary and appropriate, the school nurse, with the recommendation of the School Medical Advisor, and Director of Public Health, shall notify the parent/guardian of students who are suspected of having come into contact with a communicable disease. The school nurse is authorized to determine when such students must be examined by a physician before being permitted to return to school.

Legal References: "Education for Children with Disabilities," 20 U.S.C. 1400, et seq.  
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. 706(7)(b)  
"Americans with Disabilities Act"  
The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g,  
45 C.F.R. 99  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-76(d)(15)  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-154a  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-207  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-209  
Connecticut General Statutes § 10-210  
Connecticut General Statutes § 19a-221  
Connecticut General Statutes §§ 19a-581 to 19a-585

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