

1 **Manhattan School District**

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5 Communicable Diseases

6 *Note: For purposes of this policy, the term “communicable disease” refers to the diseases*  
7 *identified in 37.114.203, ARM, Reportable Diseases, with the exception of common colds and flu.*

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9 In all proceedings related to this policy, the District shall respect a student’s right to privacy. All  
10 applicable district policies and handbook provision governing confidentiality of student medical  
11 information remain in full effect.

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13 Although the District is required to provide educational services to all school-age children who  
14 reside within its boundaries, it may deny attendance at school to any child diagnosed as having a  
15 communicable disease that could make a child’s attendance harmful to the welfare of other  
16 students. The District also may deny attendance to a child with suppressed immunity in order to  
17 protect the welfare of that child when others in a school have an infectious disease, which,  
18 although not normally life threatening, could be life threatening to a child with suppressed  
19 immunity.

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21 The District shall provide soap and disposable towels or other hand-drying devices shall be  
22 available at all handwashing sinks. Common-use cloth towels are prohibited. Sanitary napkin  
23 disposal shall be provided for girls of age ten or older and in teachers' toilet rooms and nurses'  
24 toilet rooms. The District shall provide either sanitary napkin dispensers in the girls', nurses', and  
25 teachers' toilet rooms or some other readily available on-site access to sanitary napkins.

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27 The Board recognizes that communicable diseases that may afflict students range from common  
28 childhood diseases, acute and short-term in nature, to chronic, life-threatening diseases such as  
29 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. The District shall rely on advice of the public  
30 health and medical communities in assessing the risk of transmission of various communicable  
31 diseases to determine how best to protect the health of both students and staff.

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33 The District shall manage common communicable diseases in accordance with DPHHS  
34 guidelines and communicable diseases control rules. If a student develops symptoms of any  
35 reportable communicable or infectious illness as defined while at school, the responsible school  
36 officials shall do the following:

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38 (a) isolate the student immediately from other students or staff; and  
39 (b) inform the parent or guardian as soon as possible about the illness and request him or  
40 her to pick up the student.; and  
41 (c) consult with a physician, other qualified medical professional, or the local county  
42 health authority to determine if report the case should be reported to the local health  
43 officer.

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45 Students who express feelings of illness at school may be referred to a school nurse or other  
46 responsible person designated by the Board and may be sent home as soon as a parent or person

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4 designated on a student's emergency medical authorization form has been notified. The District  
5 may temporarily exclude from onsite school attendance a student who exhibits symptoms of a  
6 communicable disease that is readily transmitted in a school setting. Offsite instruction will be  
7 provided during the period of absence in accordance with Policy 2050. The District reserves the  
8 right to require a statement from a student's primary care provider authorizing a student's return  
9 to onsite instruction.

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11 When information is received by a staff member or a volunteer that a student is afflicted with a  
12 serious communicable disease, the staff member or volunteer shall promptly notify a school  
13 nurse or other responsible person designated by the Board to determine appropriate measures to  
14 be taken to protect student and staff health and safety. A school nurse or other responsible  
15 person designated by the Board, after consultation with and on advice of public health officials,  
16 shall determine which additional staff members, if any, have need to know of the affected  
17 student's condition.

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19 Only those persons with direct responsibility for the care of a student or for determining  
20 appropriate educational accommodation shall be informed of the specific nature of a condition, if  
21 it is determined that such individuals need to know this information.

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23 The District may notify parents of other children attending a school that their children have been  
24 exposed to a communicable disease without identifying the particular student who has the  
25 disease.

### 26 27 Healthy Hand Hygiene Behavior

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29 All students, staff, and others present in the any school building shall engage in hand hygiene at  
30 the following times, which include but are not limited to:

- 31 (a) Arrival to the facility and after breaks
- 32 (b) Before and after preparing, eating, or handling food or drinks
- 33 (c) Before and after administering medication or screening temperature
- 34 (d) After coming in contact with bodily fluid
- 35 (e) After recess
- 36 (f) After handling garbage
- 37 (g) After assisting students with handwashing
- 38 (h) After use of the restroom

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40 Hand hygiene includes but is not limited to washing hands with soap and water for at least 20  
41 seconds. If hands are not visibly dirty, alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol  
42 can be used if soap and water are not readily available.

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44 Staff members shall supervise children when they use hand sanitizer and soap to prevent  
45 ingestion. Staff members shall place grade level appropriate posters describing handwashing  
46 steps near sinks.

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Legal Reference: 37.114.101, et seq., ARM Communicable Disease Control  
37.111.825, ARM Health Supervision and Maintenance

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