

Board Policy JGCC: Infectious Diseases

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The Board of Education of Henry County recognizes the importance of protecting the health and welfare of students and employees from the spread of infectious disease.

A. DEFINITION

Infectious disease means an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.

B. PROCEDURES

The Henry County Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent or designee to develop and implement procedures related to the impact of infectious diseases on school system management and operations. Such procedures shall be consistent with the requirements of the Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-1-3-.03 and shall require the following actions:

1. The annual provision to students and parents of information related to transmission of infectious diseases, risk reduction and standard precautions, based on guidelines or recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
2. The immediate notification of the student, or if the student is a minor, to the parent or guardian, of the need to obtain an appropriate medical evaluation where there exists reasonable suspicion that the student has an infectious disease.
3. The involvement of the Henry County School Licensed Nurses, public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators in operational decisions concerning a student who has an infectious disease.
4. The disclosure of health-related information only as permitted by state or federal law.