

**DIOCESE OF DES MOINES**  
**Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations**

**STUDENT PERSONNEL**

**Communicable Diseases**

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Board that any case of a communicable disease in a Catholic school should be reported to the school nurse or the Iowa Department of Public Health. The school nurse or the principal upon the instructions of the Department of Public Health is responsible for exclusion and readmission of students based on Department guidelines.

Parents of a child(ren) exposed to a communicable disease, e.g. chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, strep throat, whooping cough must be notified. Likewise, parents are to notify the school of any child with a communicable disease.

School nurses or the principal are responsible for reporting immediately any suspected cases of botulism, cholera, diphtheria, plague, polio, rabies, rubella, rubeola, yellow fever and other disease outbreaks of any public concern to the Iowa Department of Public Health.

(See Health Practices and Manual for the Diocese of Des Moines)

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