

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Communicable Diseases

It shall be the policy of the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, 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.

Each school will develop a procedure for notifying parents of an exposure to a communicable disease (e.g. chicken pox, head lice, pink eye, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, strep throat, and whooping cough). Schools will take precautions to make certain students are not identified through notification. Notification will take place with definitive diagnosis. 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 the Health Practices and Procedures Manual regarding reporting information for communicable diseases.

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