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STUDENT WELFARE - Communicable and Infectious Disease Administrative Procedures

When the Building Administrator receives notification that a student in the Regional Office of Education programs has been diagnosed as having a contagious disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), AIDS-Related Complex (ARC), Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), the Building Administrator shall immediately notify the Regional Superintendent of the student's identity. The Building Administrator may, as necessary disclose the identity of the infected student to those persons who, by federal or State law, are required to decide the placement or educational program of the student, the school nurse, and the applicable classroom teachers. Others may be informed as necessary, provided the student's identity is not revealed.

The administration shall observe all rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health regarding communicable and chronic infectious disease. The Regional Superintendent shall develop and implement procedures for the ROE to report to the local health authority, where appropriate, known or suspected cases of a communicable and chronic infectious disease involving a ROE student. The collection and maintenance of the student's medical information shall be done in a manner which ensures the strictest confidentiality and is in accordance with federal and State laws regarding student records.

The determination of whether the student with a communicable and chronic infectious disease shall be permitted to attend school in a regular classroom setting or participate in school activities with other students shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team, the student's personal physician and local health authorities, and the Multi-Disciplinary Committee.

If the infected student is not permitted to attend school in a regular classroom or participate in school activities with other students, due to a determination that he or she poses a high risk of transmission of a communicable and chronic infectious disease to other students and staff, every reasonable effort shall be made to provide the student with an adequate alternative education. State regulations and ROE policy regarding homebound instruction shall apply. Temporary removal of the student from the ROE's classroom(s) may be appropriate when:

- The student lacks control of bodily secretions;
- The student has open sores that cannot be covered;
- The student demonstrates behavior (e.g., biting) which could result in direct inoculation of potentially infected body fluids into the bloodstream.

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Temporary removal of the student from the classroom for those reasons listed above is not to be construed as the only response to reduce risk of transmission of a communicable and chronic infectious disease. The ROE shall be flexible in its response and attempt to use the least restrictive means to accommodate the student's needs.

The removal of a student with a communicable and chronic infectious disease from normal school attendance shall be reviewed by the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team, in consultation with the student's personal physician and local public health authorities at least once every month to determine whether the condition precipitating the removal has changed.

When a student returns to school after an absence due to a communicable and chronic infectious disease, the school administration may require that he or she resent a certificate from a physician licensed in the State of Illinois stating that the student qualifies for re-admission to school under the rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health which regulate periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

If the parent(s)/guardian(s) disagree with the student's alternative educational placement or program, they shall be offered the opportunity to an appeal to the Regional Superintendent within 10 days of their notification of the decision of the Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease Review Team.

The Regional Superintendent or a designee shall be responsible for communication and interpreting the ROE's communicable and chronic infectious disease policies and procedures to ROE personnel, parents, students, and community persons.

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410 ILCS 315/2a.
Rules and Regulations for the Control of Communicable Diseases, Ill.
Dept. of Public Health

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