

3048 Communicable Disease

Teachwell strives to provide a safe environment for both students and staff while safeguarding the rights of all students and employees, including those with communicable diseases.

Communicable Diseases. Communicable diseases are those defined by the South Dakota Department of Health.

School Attendance. A student who has been diagnosed with a communicable disease shall be provided with educational services in accordance with state law and board policy. Generally, individuals with a communicable disease will be restricted only to the extent necessary to prevent the transmission of the disease, to protect their health and rights of privacy, and to protect the health and safety of others. The decision regarding a student's education program and placement shall be made on an individual basis in light of current medical and educational information and recommendations.

Infection and Exposure Control Procedures/Universal Precautions. Teachwell will monitor the information available through the Federal Centers for Disease Control, the South Dakota Department of Health, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. This policy and any procedures, universal precautions, or exposure control plan will be modified, if appropriate, based upon the best new medical information provided by the above sources.

The Director will take appropriate measures if there is an epidemic or outbreak of a communicable disease which may include, but is not limited to, the emergency exclusion or alternative placement of students or the closure of a school building or the entire school district.

Confidentiality. The existence of an individual's communicable disease shall be treated as confidential and will be limited to school staff on a "need-to-know" basis. If it is necessary to inform a person of another's condition (due to exposure, for instance), the person will be notified of the confidentiality of that disclosure.

Reporting. Any student or staff who learns that an individual has a communicable disease will report it to the Director or Human Resources Manager. Failure to report may result in disciplinary action in accordance with state and federal law.

Communicable Diseases and Teachwell McCrossan. Teachwell staff and students may be required to follow specific policies and procedures at McCrossan Ranch.

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