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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

POLICY:

In order to provide the most appropriate educational setting for students and to provide effective precautions against the transmission of infectious diseases in this setting, the Lake Stevens School District Board of Directors establishes the following procedures for dealing with student and staff exposure to viral and bacterial diseases, including pandemic contagious outbreaks and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

Legal References:

RCW 28.210.010 Contagious Diseases, Limiting Contact Rules
and Regulations
WAC 246-110 School Districts and Daycare Centers -
Contagious Diseases
WAC 246-100-071 Responsibility for Reporting and Cooperating
with the Local Health Department
WAC 246-100-076 Reportable Diseases and Conditions
WAC 246-110-020 Control of Communicable (Contagious) Disease

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PROCEDURES

1. In the event of a pandemic outbreak of a known or unknown origin, communication with the local Snohomish County Health District Office will immediately be established. In consultation with said health district officials, the Lake Stevens Pandemic Outbreak Action Plan will be initiated. [Refer to "The Pandemic Outbreak Action Plan for Lake Stevens School District" May 2007]
2. Infectious Diseases. Other than the above pandemic scenario and when dealing with AIDS, the building principal, based upon Snohomish County Health District requirements, is responsible for the exclusion and readmission of students exhibiting symptoms of infectious diseases. The school nurse shall be consulted by the principal whenever a student is to be excluded or readmitted to school following exhibition of symptoms of an infectious disease. The local health officer will be notified in all cases of reportable disease.
 - 2.1 Exclusion from school: Students will be excluded from school in accordance with Infectious Disease Control Guide (SP-1991) regulations. Additional symptoms that warrant exclusion include, but are not limited to, oral temperature of 100.4 F. or greater, vomiting, or persistent diarrhea.
 - 2.2 Readmission to school: The excluded student will be readmitted to school after having a normal temperature, no vomiting, and no diarrhea for a minimum of 24 hours.
3. AIDS Admission. As a general rule, a student with AIDS should be allowed to attend school in a regular classroom setting with the approval of the student's physician. The student's health shall be continually monitored, and if a significant change should occur, the school nurse with consultation

from the student's physician, shall convene the AIDS Review Committee outlined in Section 5 below.

4. Co-curricular Participation. Participation in co-curricular activities will be reviewed on an individual basis by the committee outlined in Section 5 below.
5. AIDS Nonadmission. Students with AIDS who exhibit behaviors or symptoms such as loss of control of body secretions, open sores or lesions, demonstrated aggressive behavior, e.g., biting, or other medical conditions which may increase the risk of disease transmission to other students, may be excluded from attendance in the regular school program.

The determination of the most suitable school program for this student shall be determined by an AIDS Review Committee appointed by the Superintendent. This committee shall be composed of the building principal, school nurse, school counselor, Executive Director of Special Services, teacher, representative from the Snohomish County Health District, the physician and parents of the student involved, and other persons that the Superintendent deems appropriate. This committee, which will meet in a timely manner, shall have the responsibility of recommending schooling options appropriate for the student and identifying any precautions which need to be taken to assure no risk to others. The student concerned, when appropriate, may attend the meeting(s) of the committee.

The student shall be removed from school on a temporary basis while the AIDS Review Committee is determining the most appropriate educational setting.

The student's health shall be continually monitored and if a significant change should occur, the committee shall be reconvened.

6. Home Instruction. The District shall provide home instruction in the following cases:
 - 6.1 When a student has been temporarily removed from the regular classroom setting or the AIDS Review Committee determines that the most appropriate educational setting is outside the regular school program; or
 - 6.2 When a student may attend school (Section 3 above), but the parents of a student with AIDS desire home instruction.
 - 6.3 Procedures for home instruction are outlined in Policy No. 6002.

7. Confidentiality. Information concerning a student's present and past health condition shall be treated as confidential, except for those individuals who "need to know". Those involved in the care and education of AIDS infected students should respect the individual's right to privacy and confidentiality of school and medical records as referenced in Policy No. 5200.
8. Additional Guidelines. Internal building sanitation procedures for blood borne pathogens shall be followed when dealing with health related infectious disease concerns in the school setting.
9. Policy Review. This policy shall automatically be reviewed by the School Board at least annually.