

## **Communicable Disease Update and Educational information**

Health conditions that are potentially communicable in nature can be a cause of anxiety for children, parents, and teachers. Be assured that our school corporation follows a strict protocol to ensure the safety of our students and staff. It is important to keep in mind that we are required to maintain as much confidentiality as possible, notifying only personnel that are essential to know.

The following protocol is followed when a serious communicable disease is suspected:

- The school nurse will refer the student to the student's personal physician.
- If a communicable disease is diagnosed, the student may return to school only after a doctor has given written permission for the student to return.
- The custodial services are following corporation policy that is based on the recommendations from the Indiana State Board of Health and communicable disease prevention.
- Good student and staff hand washing will be carried out in the building.
- The school corporation nursing supervisor and the building nurse will monitor the student closely and will refer the student for further medical attention if the need arises.

To learn more about communicable diseases, you may find the following links very helpful:

- [www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/mrsa.htm](http://www.in.gov/isdh/healthinfo/mrsa.htm)
- [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)
- [www.clarian.org/ADAM/doc/HealthIllustratedEncyclopedia/1/0007261.htm](http://www.clarian.org/ADAM/doc/HealthIllustratedEncyclopedia/1/0007261.htm)

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