

POST FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 273

Series 500: Student Policy: Welfare

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Policy Title: Health Series/Communicable Disease Management

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It is the policy of the Board of Trustees of Post Falls School District to maintain a learning and working environment intended to prevent the spread of any infectious disease.

Procedures and protocols intended to prevent the spread of any infectious disease are an important component of the Post Falls School District's Health Series.

It is difficult to develop strict guidelines for dealing with every aspect of a disease in the school environment. Instead, school administrators should evaluate on a case by case basis to make certain the response is appropriate. Such evaluations should include recommendations from the individual's physician, and when appropriate, from public health officials.

For the purposes of the guidelines set forth in this policy, the terms infected individual includes infected students and infected employees. These terms are applied to those persons who have been diagnosed as having an infectious disease.

The determination of whether an infected individual will be permitted to attend classes and participate in school activities with other students will be recommended by an evaluation team to the superintendent on a case by case basis and reevaluated regularly. The superintendent will consider the evaluation team's recommendation and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will then make a final determination. The evaluation team will be composed of the site administrator, school nurse, the individual's physician, the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), appropriate school personnel as determined by the superintendent and outside resources when considered appropriate. In making this recommendation, the team will consider in each case:

1. The behavior, neurological development and physical condition of the individual;
2. The expected type of interaction with others in the school setting;
3. The risks and benefits to both the infected individual and others in the school setting.

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