

Book	Policy Manual
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Title	Communicable Diseases
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### Communicable Diseases

The Board recognizes that controlling the spread of communicable diseases through casual contact is essential to the well-being of the school community and to efficient District operation. The Board directs the Superintendent to develop and implement communicable disease management protocols in consultation with health professionals.

In order to protect the health and safety of students and staff, the Board follows all State laws and Ohio Department of Health regulations pertaining to immunizations and other means for controlling communicable diseases that are spread through casual contact in the schools. The Board will not require an individual to receive a vaccine for which the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not granted full approval, nor will the District discriminate against an individual who has not received a vaccine that has not been granted full FDA approval, including by requiring the individual to engage in or refrain from engaging in activities or precautions that differ from the activities or precautions of an individual who has received such a vaccine.

All students with signs or symptoms of diseases suspected as being communicable to others are given immediate attention and sent home if such action is indicated.

Any student suspected or reported to have a communicable disease is examined by a school nurse or public health nurse. Upon the recommendation of the school nurse, the student may be excluded from school. Readmission is dependent upon a decision by a physician, school nurse or public health nurse.

Parents are informed when a communicable disease occurs in their child's classroom or on the bus so that early signs or symptoms can be observed and appropriate preventive measures can be instituted.

#### LEGAL REFS.:

ORC 3313.67  
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 ORC 3313.68  
 ORC 3313.71  
 ORC 3319.321  
 ORC 3707.04  
 ORC 3707.06  
 ORC 3707.08  
 ORC 3707.16  
 ORC 3707.20  
 ORC 3707.21  
 ORC 3707.26  
ORC 3792.04

CROSS REFS.: JHCA, Physical Examinations of Students  
 JHCB, Immunizations

**NOTE:** *Communicable diseases are illnesses caused by microorganisms and transmitted from an infected person or animal to another person or animal. Most communicable diseases are spread through contact or close proximity because the microorganisms are airborne, i.e., they are expelled from the nose and mouth of the infected person and inhaled by anyone in the vicinity.*

*To ensure the health and safety of the entire school community, boards should make sure that administrators develop, implement and maintain a communicable disease management program within the District's larger comprehensive emergency/safety plan.*

*At a minimum, this program should include how to identify, detect and report communicable diseases, when to isolate students from other students, when to exclude students from school, what should be done to educate excluded students and how to integrate infected students back into the classrooms.*

HB 244 (2021) enacts Ohio Revised Code 3792.04, prohibiting a public school from requiring an individual to receive a vaccine for which the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not granted full approval. The provisions also prohibit the District from discriminating against an individual who has not received a vaccine that has not been granted full FDA approval, including by requiring the individual to engage in or refrain from engaging in activities or precautions that differ from the activities or precautions of an individual who has received such a vaccine.

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