

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Clarksville-Montgomery County School System performs routine health screenings of all children in attendance. The school nurse along with school administration use exclusion criteria to determine whether or not a child who appears sick or complains of being sick will be permitted to remain in school. Nurses monitor students for any signs or symptoms of communicable disease. If communicable diseases or conditions are suspected, the school nurse makes every effort to notify parents of the affected child by phone. Contact information can be obtained in PowerSchool or on the Emergency Information Card. Refer to [INS-F004](#). If a parent or guardian is unavailable by phone, a letter may be sent to the home by the nurse. In some instances, parents/guardians may be required to seek healthcare provider release prior to readmission of student to school. The nurse may send a notice home to the parents of the students in the same classroom when a confirmed case of a communicable disease is known, as appropriate. The same rules apply to any employee.

GUIDELINES FOR DISMISSAL OF STUDENT FROM SCHOOL:

- Frequent loose watery stools (diarrhea)
- Chronic cough accompanied by other signs and symptoms of illness or infection
- Temperature of 100.5 degrees or greater. Must be fever free (without the use of fever-reducing medications) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Vomiting more than one time, or vomiting accompanied by nausea
- Rash on body with fever. Heat rash and allergic type rash are not considered contagious.
- Sore throat with swollen neck glands and/or fever
- Eye drainage that is thick white or yellow accompanied by reddened sclera and conjunctiva
- Greenish nasal drainage accompanied by other signs and symptoms of infection/illness
- Head lice and/or nits that are ¼ inch from scalp
- Lesions that are open/draining

OR, other suspected or untreated communicable conditions or diseases such as follows but not limited to:

Chickenpox, Conjunctivitis, Impetigo, Pinworms, Ringworm of the scalp, Scabies, Shigellosis, Shingles, or Strep throat

CMCSS is required by law to report the following diseases to the local health department:

Measles, Rubella, Mumps, Infectious Hepatitis, Diphtheria and Meningitis

Implementing Procedures: Communicable Diseases ([HEA-P001](#))

Associated Documents: Communicable Disease Notification ([HEA-F006](#))
Parent Notification (Illness/Condition) ([HEA-F041](#))
Guidelines for Dismissal from School ([HEA-F043](#))
Emergency Information Card ([INS-F004](#))

Revision History:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Rev.</u>	<u>Description of Revision:</u>
2/20/06		Initial Release
1/12/09	A	Addition of further guidelines for dismissal, an implementing procedure and associated documents
2/26/10		Reviewed, no changes
2/21/11	B	In first paragraph, changed “principal or designee” to “administration” and added “Contact information can be obtained in PowerSchool or on the Emergency Information Card. See INS-F004”. Also added next to last sentence in first paragraph. Added “(without use of fever-reducing medications)” to 3 rd point under Guidelines for Dismissal. Added “suspected or” under guidelines. Added “Emergency Information Card INS-F004” to Associated Documents.

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