

Communicable Diseases - Staff and Students

The Dansville School District is committed to providing a safe environment for both students and staff. It is the district's intent to assure that staff members or students who have contracted a communicable disease which is serious in nature will be able to have their individual situation reviewed by a panel and to have that panel recommend whether they may continue to be involved in the public school program while the disease condition is present.

The Superintendent is hereby vested with the authority to exclude a student or staff member from school who is suspected of having a communicable disease which is serious in nature and may pose a threat to students and/or staff.

Communicable diseases that are serious in nature include Hepatitis B, AIDS, (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), Pre-AIDS, LAV, (Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus), ARC, (AIDS-related Complex), persons infected with HTLV III Virus (Human T-cell Lymphotropic Virus Type III), and other diseases that are communicable and which may present potentially serious health problems for those who come into contact with the disease and/or the disease carrier.

In order to assure that both the rights of the individual and the rights of the populace are protected, each case will be determined on an individual basis by a review panel, using procedures developed by the administration.

The review panel will be comprised of the following individuals, when possible.

1. A physician who is treating the infected individual.
2. A physician appointed by the Board with expertise in the infectious disease under consideration.
3. A physician from the Ingham County Health Department or recommended by the Ingham County Health Department who will give the recommendations of the Health Department's Medical Advisory Committee.
4. A school nurse appointed by the Superintendent.
5. A representative of the Superintendent.
6. The administrator of the involved building or program.
7. A staff member of the involved building or program (if the affected is a student) or of the same staff or employee group (if the affected person is a staff member).
8. A union representative if the person is a member.

The review panel will perform the following duties:

1. The panel will make a written recommendation to the Superintendent as whether the infected person should continue to be involved in the public school setting.
2. If the recommendation is to allow the person to continue in the public school setting, then the panel must make a written recommendation regarding whether precautions should be taken within the school environment.
3. If the recommendation is to exclude the person from the public school setting, the panel must make a written statement as to the conditions under which they would reconsider the denial.
4. The panel should also make a recommendation as to the need to review the case on a periodic basis and the timelines if such a review is recommended.

The representative of the Superintendent will serve as the chairperson of the panel. It is her/his responsibility to convey all written materials to the Superintendent including the panel's decision. If the panel's decision was not unanimous, then each panel member must submit a written report to the chairperson within two (2) days stating their recommendations and the reasons for their position.

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