

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diseases in a contagious state may be controlled by the exclusion from school activities or by referral for medical attention of the infected or potentially infected student. Staff members of a school, including coaches, club advisors, and other extra-curricular staff must advise the school nurse (or athletic trainer in the case of an Eastmont athlete) when a student possesses symptoms of an infectious disease.

If reported to the athletic trainer, he/she will then report the findings within 24-48 hours. The school nurse will then take appropriate action in handling the situation according to the recommendations of the Department of Health.

The Infectious Disease Control Guide for School Staff will be followed in determining how to handle any student that is in school with a rash with or without a fever. Any unusual cluster of diseases or rash illness must be reported to the local health department by the school nurse.

Identification and follow-up

- A. The length of absence from school for a student ill from a contagious disease is determined by the directions given in the Infectious Disease Control Guide or instructions provided by the attending physician, or instructions from the local health officer.
- B. The principal has the final responsibility for enforcing all exclusions.