

Southwest Georgia STEM Charter School
Policy P8: Infectious Disease

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An "infectious disease" means an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a person from an infected person or animal.

The School Leader or designee will develop and implement procedures related to the impact of infectious diseases on school system management and operations. To accomplish this task, the School shall provide annual training and/or as appropriate to so educate its employees as to the recognition, the necessary precautions and the prevention of infectious diseases. Such procedures will be consistent with the requirements of the Georgia Board of Education Rule 160-1-3-.03 and will require the following actions:

1. The annual provision to employees of information, education or training related to transmission of infectious diseases, risk reduction and standard precautions, based on guidelines or recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
2. The immediate notification of the person, or if the person is a minor, to the parent or guardian, of the need to obtain an appropriate medical evaluation where there exists reasonable suspicion that an employee or student has an infectious disease. Additionally, the school shall stock and supply appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to staff and students to minimize potential exposure.
3. The involvement of the school nurse, public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators in operational decisions concerning an employee or student who has an infectious disease.
4. The disclosure of health-related information only as permitted by state or federal law.