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POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL CENTRAL VALLEY HEALTH DISTRICT

SECTION: SCHOOL NURSING

Policy #606 MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

POLICY: Management of Communicable (Infectious) Diseases within the school setting will be based on the medical diagnosis of diseases listed on forms 602A and 602B, Doctor's Orders, and established guidelines as set forth by the North Dakota Department of Health, Central Valley Health District Health Officer and the Local school board policy.

PURPOSE: By limiting the spread of communicable/infectious diseases the school setting will enhance a safe health environment for students and staff.

PROCEDURE:

1. Students presenting to the school nurse with a suspected communicable disease will be assessed for symptoms and exposure to disease process.
2. The school nurse or school staff will notify the parents by telephone of child's symptoms, assessment findings, and request to follow-up with medical provider.
3. Students will remain in an area removed from other students while awaiting arrival of parent or designated adult.
4. Students with suspected communicable diseases will be confirmed by the students' local medical provider within 24 hours of call notifying of symptoms.
5. The school is responsible to notify the North Dakota Department of Health of any reportable communicable diseases as listed on the attached Mandatory Reportable Conditions outline.
6. Classmates will be notified of exposure based on diagnosis and reportability of condition. The School Exposure letter will be sent home from the school with students as appropriate.
7. Students may return to school as outlined in the exposure letter and as symptoms allow.
8. Recommended guidelines for care will be followed as outlined in <http://www.ndhealth.gov/disease/documents/publications/daycaremanual.pdf>