

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Procedure for Reporting Communicable Diseases

These guidelines are formulated in order to provide a consistent process of reporting communicable diseases that may occur in our school system. When your school is alerted by parents, doctors' offices, or community agencies that a possibility of exposure to infectious disease exists, please implement the following procedure.

1. A reported communicable disease within your school requires notification of Lead Nurse, Gwen Chambers, RN. Jami Stefano, RN, Lead Nurse, will provide back up for Gwen Chambers. The most common communicable diseases are listed below, although statistics about other infectious diseases are available upon request.
 - Neisseria Meningitis - Bacterial Meningitis
 - Strep Pneumonia
 - Chicken Pox
 - Haemophilus Influenza B
 - Hepatitis
 - Tuberculosis
 - Diphtheria
 - Measles (Rubella)
 - German Measles (Rubella)
 - Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
 - Mumps
 - Giardia
 - Bacterial Gastroenteritis - Salmonella, Campylobacter, Shigella
2. When reporting the possibility of a communicable disease, please have the following information (if available).
 - Student's Name, School, Grade, Teacher
 - Date of Birth
 - Name of Parent/Legal Guardian
 - Address
 - Phone Number(s)
 - Doctor's Name
 - Name of Hospital (if applicable)
 - Who reported circumstances to you
 - When did student become sick
 - Last day student attended school
 - Immunization status of involved student
3. The Lead Nurse will contact North Georgia Health District Infectious Disease Department. All pertinent information relative to the possible communicable disease will be reported at that time. The North Georgia Health District Infections Disease Department may advise the Lead Nurse of any precautionary measures to be taken.
4. The Lead Nurse will notify the Deputy Superintendent, School Operations, Personnel and Support and the Director of Public Information, Communications and Strategic Planning that a possible communicable disease situation could exist.
5. The Office of School Operations may determine if a letter of notification, either from the Department of Human Resources or the Cherokee County School System, is necessary to be sent home to students, parents and staff explaining symptoms relative to the possible communicable disease and any precautionary measures to be taken at that time.

Maintaining the safety and well being of students and staff are always priorities to our community health team. Please contact Gwen Chambers, RN, Lead Nurse, 770-721-8480, with any concerns.

cc: Cherokee County Health Department