

SUPERINTENDENT'S REGULATION 7-2.1(A)**COMMUNICABLE DISEASES:
ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL**

The following regulations have been developed for school personnel who identify or have reasonable cause to suspect that a student has a communicable disease which poses a substantial risk or danger of infection to the school community. These regulations apply to a student with a disease which is communicable, such as Tuberculosis or Hepatitis A; or a student with a disease which is transmitted by blood or body fluids, such as HIV-1, Hepatitis B, or Cytomegalovirus. Each such determination will be made on a case-by-case basis.

1. When any school personnel has identified or has reasonable cause to believe that a student has a communicable disease which poses a substantial risk or danger of infection to the school community, that person or persons shall notify the school principal. The school principal shall immediately notify the division superintendent.
2. The division superintendent will notify the student, if appropriate, and his or her parents of his/her intent to establish a review committee composed of the Director of the York-Poquoson Public Health Department or a public health physician designated by the Director, the student's family physician, the nurse practitioner, and an administrator appointed by the division superintendent. The division superintendent, at his/her discretion, may appoint other persons to the review committee and may consult legal counsel.
3. After reviewing all pertinent information regarding the student and consulting with the student's parents, the student, if appropriate, principal, and other persons that the review committee shall deem necessary, the review committee shall make a recommendation to the division superintendent regarding the student's attendance at school. The review committee may make such further recommendations as it deems appropriate.
4. As recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, special consideration for exclusion from school will be made in cases where an infected person is:
 - a. not toilet trained;
 - b. incontinent;
 - c. unable to control drooling;
 - d. unusually physically aggressive with a documented history of biting or harming others;
 - e. bleeding or possessing weeping skin lesions that cannot be covered.
5. The review committee shall meet within ten (10) business days of being established and shall make its recommendation to the division superintendent as soon thereafter as practical. The division superintendent will notify the student's parents of his/her decision within five (5) working days after receiving the review committee's recommendation. The student's parents may appeal the division superintendent's decision to the School Board. A written request for such appeal must be submitted to the division superintendent within ten (10) business days of the decision or the right to appeal will be deemed to be waived.
6. The review committee will formulate a plan for periodic review as the student's status or the disease changes.
7. Depending on the physical condition of the student and the degree of risk of infection posed to the school community, the student may be excluded from school pending the division superintendent's decision or any reevaluation. During the period of exclusion a student shall receive homebound instruction or another alternative educational program.
8. All parties involved shall respect the student's right to privacy. The number of personnel who are informed of the student's condition shall be kept to a minimum needed to assure proper care of the student and to detect situations where the potential for transmission may occur (e.g., bleeding injury).

9. The identity of any student who has tested positive for human immunodeficiency virus shall be confidential in accordance with state law.
10. Training in the use of universal precautions for handling blood shall be conducted periodically in accordance with state and federal law. Universal precautions for handling blood shall be implemented within the school setting and on buses in accordance with state and federal law and guidelines.
11. The School Board shall adopt guidelines for school attendance for children with human immunodeficiency virus. Such guidelines shall be consistent with the model guidelines for such school attendance and developed in consultation with the local department of health.