

# POLICY

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Non-Instructional/Business  
Operations

## SUBJECT: INFECTIOUS, COMMUNICABLE AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Infectious, communicable and contagious diseases may threaten the health of the infected individual and the health of the school population at large. It is the objective of the District to define methods for dealing with infection in the school in ways that protect the health of students and staff, while minimizing the disruption of the education process.

Whenever, upon investigation and evaluation by the director of school health services or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the director, a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he/she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The director of school health services shall immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law.

Following absence on account of illness or from unknown cause, the director of school health services may examine each student returning to a school without a certificate from a local public health officer, a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner.

The director of school health services, or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of the director, may make evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as, in their discretion, they may deem necessary to protect the health of the students and staff.

The Superintendent shall develop regulations to determine whether circumstances exist that would tend to require special precautions and to establish the action to be taken by the District

Education Law Section 906  
8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR)  
Section 136.3(h) and 136.3(i)

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