

**Policy 507.03: Communicable Diseases - Students****Status:** ADOPTED**Original Adopted Date:** 9/9/1968 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 8/8/2022

Students with a communicable disease will be allowed to attend school provided their presence does not create a substantial risk of illness or transmission to other students or employees. The term "communicable disease" will mean an infectious or contagious disease spread from person to person, or animal to person, or as defined by law.

Prevention and control of communicable diseases is included in the school district's bloodborne pathogens exposure control plan. The procedures will include scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, universal precautions, vaccination, post-exposure evaluation, follow-up, communication of hazards to employees and record keeping. This plan is reviewed annually by the superintendent and school nurse.

The health risk to immunosuppressed students is determined by their personal physician. The health risk to others in the school district environment from the presence of a student with a communicable disease is determined on a case-by-case basis by the student's personal physician, a physician chosen by the school district or public health officials.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent, in conjunction with the school nurse, to develop administrative regulations stating the procedures for dealing with students with a communicable disease.

For more information on communicable disease charts, and reporting forms, go to the Iowa Department of Public Health Web site: <https://idph.iowa.gov/CADE/reportable-diseases>.

**NOTE: This policy is consistent with current health practices regarding communicable diseases. The bloodborne pathogen language in the second paragraph and accompanying regulation is in compliance with federal law on control of bloodborne pathogens.**

Legal Reference: School Board of Nassau County v. Arline, 480 U.S. 273 (1987).  
 29 U.S.C. §§ 701 *et seq.*  
 45 C.F.R. Pt. 84.3  
 Iowa Code ch. 139A.8  
 641 I.A.C. 1.2-.5, 7.

**I.C. Iowa Code**

Iowa Code § 139A.8

**Description**[Immunization of Children](#)**I.A.C. Iowa Administrative Code****Description**

641 I.A.C.	<a href="#">Public Health Department</a>
641 I.A.C. 1	<a href="#">Public Health - Reportable Diseases/Quarantine/Isolation</a>
641 I.A.C. 7	<a href="#">Public Health - Immunizations</a>
<b>U.S.C - United States Code</b>	<b>Description</b>
29 U.S.C. §§ 701	<a href="#">Labor - Vocational and Other Rehab</a>
<b>C.F.R. - Code of Federal Regulations</b>	<b>Description</b>
45 C.F.R. Pt. 84.3	<a href="#">Public Welfare - Nondiscrimination on Basis of Handicap/Programs</a>

## Cross References

Code	Description
403.03	<a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees</a>
403.03-R(1)	<a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees - Regulation</a>
403.03-E(1)	<a href="#">Communicable Diseases - Employees - Hepatitis B Vaccine Information and Record</a>