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Policy EBBA

CONTROL OF CONTAGIOUS OR INFECTIOUS DISEASES, ILLNESSES, & PARASITES IN SCHOOLS

The New Frontiers School Board (NFSB) recognizes the importance of controlling contagious or infectious diseases, illnesses, and parasites in its schools (and centres). The NFSB also recognizes that the control and/or limit on the spread of diseases, illnesses, and parasites requires collaboration between stakeholders: parents, school board staff, and the health system, and that prevention and good hygiene play a role in limiting transmission from taking place in our schools.

The parents or guardians of a child showing signs of a contagious or infectious disease, transmissible in the school setting, must keep their child home until any period of isolation or exclusion from school has been completed.

There are several contagious or infectious diseases which cannot be prevented by vaccination. These diseases may require special control measures which are guided by the health system and, given this, it is imperative that the school be informed by parents or guardians.

Scope

- This policy applies to all students attending the NFSB.
- Where the application of this policy pertains to the Adult or Vocational Education Sector, the word “principal” shall be substituted for “centre director”, the word “school” shall be substituted for “centre”.
- For students in the Adult and Vocational Education Sector who are 18 years of age or older, the responsibilities of the parents/guardians are transferred to the student.
- It is to be noted that adults working (or otherwise coming into direct school contact) are subject to the implications of this policy if they themselves show signs of contagious or infectious disease.

Roles & Responsibilities

<p>School Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On an annual basis, provide school principals with a copy of the link to the communicable diseases outlined by public health (<i>Interventions Du CISSS En Milieu Scolaire Selon Les Maladies Infectieuses</i>). • Liaise with Public Health on systems issues.
<p>School Administration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the time of registration, the principal or their delegate must request that all parents complete the Health Form. • The principal must declare all communicable diseases to their assigned school nurse. • The principal must follow the instructions of public health, including communications to parents, exclusion of students from school, and/or school closure. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In the case of a recommendation by the health authorities for exclusion or school closure, school administration shall inform the parents and students concerned and ensure that the terms of the exclusion are respected. Where the exclusion is not respected, the school must inform public health for their follow-up. ○ In the case of a school closure, the principal must inform their direct supervisor and the Director General in accordance with Policy EBCE. • At the beginning of each school year, the principal must provide parents with the link to the communicable diseases outlined by public health (<i>Interventions Du CISSS En Milieu Scolaire Selon Les Maladies Infectieuses</i>) and the current government guidelines to limit the transmission of respiratory illness and inform parents that they must make the school aware when such a case exists. • It is the responsibility of the principal or their delegate to inform the parents/guardians when their child is sick at school.
<p>Parents or Guardians</p>	<p>Parents/Guardians should not send their children to school while they are sick and should follow the recommendations of the communicable diseases outlined by public health (<i>Interventions Du CISSS En Milieu Scolaire Selon Les Maladies Infectieuses</i>) and the current government guidelines to limit the transmission of respiratory illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents/guardians must inform the school administration when their child develops an infectious disease or virus (ex: ringworm) that could be transmissible in the school. If the child has a contagious disease, illness, or parasite that requires exclusion from school by public health, the child returns when the health system has indicated appropriate to the parents/guardians, who in turn communicates the relevant information to the school. • In general, parents/guardians assume responsibility for their child's medical treatment.

Supporting Documents

- Interventions Du CISSS En Milieu Scolaire Selon Les Maladies Infectieuses
- Quebec.ca - Guidelines to limit the transmission of respiratory illness.

End.