

# POLICY

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## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### ILLNESS

When pupils are taken suddenly ill in school, they shall be sent or escorted to the nurse's office. If the nurse is not in the medical office, the pupil shall be sent or taken to the chief school administrator's office. In general, the same procedures that apply to accidents shall apply to sudden pupil illness. The chief school administrator, in cooperation with the medical inspector, shall implement this policy.

### Control of Contagious Diseases or Conditions

In order to protect the health of the pupils in our schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be observed, particularly those dealing with contagious or infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils who have been absent because of contagious or infectious diseases or conditions must present a certificate of recovery from a physician, be fever-free for 24 hours, or must comply with conditions for readmission noted in the "Communicable Disease Chart" in the Parent/Student Handbook, or be examined by the school physician.

The school nurse shall observe pupils who show evidence of communicable disease and recommend their exclusion to the chief school administrator. Recommendations shall be consistent with reporting requirements on communicable diseases as set forth in the New Jersey Health Code. Such pupils shall be isolated in the nurse's office until a parent/guardian picks them up, and any necessary measures have been taken to prevent spread of the infection. The school nurse, shall instruct all teachers in the symptoms of the most common diseases or conditions at least once a year.

Any student with HIV infection or AIDS or who lives with or is related to someone with HIV or AIDS shall not be excluded from general education, transportation services, extracurricular activities, athletic activities, assigned to home instruction or classified as eligible for special education because of the HIV infection. The school nurse shall recommend the exclusion of any individual with weeping skin lesions that cannot be covered.

In addition to the review of health and safety measures required by law, the school nurse shall individually instruct teachers from whose

classrooms a pupil has been excluded in the symptoms of the disease for which the pupil was excluded. Student rights and confidentiality shall be protected in accordance with law. No teacher shall attempt to diagnose any illness of a pupil, but shall refer suspected cases to the nurse immediately.

#### Contact Tracing

All school and district administrators, school safety specialists, counselors, and any other staff deemed appropriate by the school and district, shall be provided information regarding the role of contact tracing in keeping school communities safe from the spread of contagious disease.

The school nurse or his or her designee shall make information available and/or conduct virtual information sessions to educate the broader school community on the importance of contact tracing.

#### Handling Blood and Body Fluids

The chief school administrator and school nurse shall develop detailed routine procedures based on New Jersey administrative code and guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control for proper handling of blood and body fluids resulting from illness/accidents in the schools. These procedures shall be disseminated to all district staff and volunteers.

The school nurse shall report all cases of communicable disease to the local board of health as required by law.

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