

Communicable Disease/Bed Bug Guidelines

Exclusion is necessary when a student's illness requires a greater degree of observation or care than school staff can safely provide, poses a threat to the health and safety of others, or precludes any benefit of attending class because of inability to focus and learn.

Any correspondence sent home to parents, notifying them of the presence of a communicable disease in a school, will be at the discretion of the Principal after consultation with the School Nurse and Director of School Health Services.

KRS 158.160 (2): if any student is known or suspected to have or be infected with a communicable disease or condition for which a reasonable probability for transmission exists in a school setting, the superintendent of the district may order the student excluded from school. The time period the student is excluded from school shall be in accordance with generally accepted medical standards which the superintendent shall obtain from consultation with the student's physician or the local health officer for the county in which the school district is located. During the presence in any district of dangerous epidemics, the board of education of the school district may order the school closed.

DISEASE

Chicken pox (varicella):

Exclude until all lesions are crusted over, usually 7-8 days or physician approval is given and student is no longer contagious. **Exposed pregnant women should consult with their physician.**

COVID-19 (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome—Coronavirus-2):

~~**REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH:** Exclude for ten (10) days from the date of a positive test or onset of symptoms, whichever is earlier. In addition, students who have had close contact with a person infected with COVID-19, must be excluded and quarantined for ten (10) days as long as no symptoms develop. Quarantine may be reduced to seven (7) days with a negative COVID-19 test on day five if no symptoms have developed. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services—~~

Exclude from school until fever free 24hrs. without medication. Parents refer to their primary care physician for any further direction.

Diarrheal Illness:

Students are excluded from school if they have an increased number of stools compared with their normal pattern (watery stool or decreased form) OR have stools not contained by diapers/toilet use.

Fever:

Students are excluded from school if they have a fever ~~higher than~~ **of** 100.4, OR temperature of 100.4 or lower with unusual lethargy, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing or other signs of severe illness. Students must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

Fifth Disease:

No need to exclude. Exposed pregnant women should consult **with** their physician.

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REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Exclude for at least 7 days after rash appears. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services.

Hand, Foot, Mouth (Coxsackie):

Exclude until lesions are not actively draining, student is without fever for at least 24 hours, and if rash still present physician statement that student is not contagious. **No exclusion unless with fever and/or has mouth sores that cause excessive drooling. May return when fever free 24hrs. Without medication, drooling has subsided.**

Head Lice:

Exclude for live lice. ~~and nits. Adhere to OCBE Administrative Regulation 9011.01~~ **May exclude for nits if there is a large amount.**

Hepatitis A:

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Exclude for 7 days after onset of jaundice, or in the absence of jaundice, up to 2 weeks after the onset of symptoms. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services.

Impetigo:

Exclude until ~~treated with antibiotics for a full 24 hours, is without fever for 24 hours, and statement from physician stating student is no longer contagious.~~ **treatment with oral or topical antibiotics has started. When possible, lesions should be kept covered until dry.**

Measles (Rubeola):

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Exclude for at least 4 days after rash appears. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services.

Meningococcal Disease or Bacterial Meningitis:

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Exclude until student has received effective antibiotic treatment for 24 hours and is able to participate in normal daily activities. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services

Mononucleosis:

Exclude until student has been without fever for at least 24 hours and is well enough to participate in normal daily activities. **Students who play sports should be excluded from activities until released by physician.**

MRSA:

Exclude until wound is able to be covered without oozing beyond the bandage and statement from physician is received indicating that student is not contagious and receiving treatment

Molluscum: No exclusion. Avoid picking bumps as this may cause infection or further spread. Cover exposed areas if possible.

Mumps:

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: exclude for 9 days after onset of swelling. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services.

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Pertussis (whooping cough):

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: excluded until 5 days of appropriate antibiotic therapy is completed and physician statement received for return to school. *close contacts may need to receive preventative treatment.

Pink Eye (conjunctivitis):

~~IF purulent drainage, exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and until no drainage is coming from the eye(s).~~ **No exclusion, unless a student has a fever or is not healthy enough to participate in routine activities. Must be fever free 24hrs without fever reducing medication. Nurse discretion may be used if eye discharge, redness, or pain is severe.**

Pinworms:

No exclusion. Treatment involves two doses of physician prescribed or over the counter medication that is given 2 weeks apart.

Ringworm (tinea):

No exclusion for lesions on the body. Must be kept covered by Band-Aid while at school.

Roseola:

Exclude until student has been without fever for 24 hours and statement from physician indicates student is not contagious.

Scabies:

Exclude until 24 hours after treatment has begun and statement from physician indicates student is not contagious.

Shigellosis:

REPORTABLE TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH: Exclude until student has had neither diarrhea nor fever for 24 hours. Ensure careful hand washing after toilet use. Report immediately to OCBE Director of School Health Services.

Strep Throat:

Exclude until ~~24~~ **12** hours after treatment with antibiotics has begun and fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication.

Vomiting Illness:

~~Exclude until illness is over~~ **If vomiting is the result of student having a viral or bacterial illness, exclude until student has been without vomiting for 24hrs. Nurse discretion may be used in other cases of vomiting that is not from a viral or bacterial illness.**

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MANAGEMENT OF BED BUGS IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Introduction:

Bed bugs are not known to transmit diseases to humans and are not covered under medical conditions that may pose a threat in the school environment. The purpose of this guideline is to standardize procedures for the care of students in the case of an emergence of bed bugs in Oldham County Schools.

School considerations:

- Students with suspected bed bug bites may not be excluded from school.
- Bug bites should be kept clean and students should be discouraged from scratching to avoid secondary infections.
- Refer students with infected bug bites to their primary care provider for treatment.

School Environmental Control Measures:

If a student is reported to live in a home with a known or suspected infestation of bed bugs, school principal or designee should take the following steps:

- Contact the student's family to verify suspected infestation and to discuss school procedures.
- Advise family to obtain professional assistance in eliminating bed bugs by contacting an extermination company. Send home the Bed Bug Fact Sheet with student.
- For elementary students, place student's belongings (backpack, coat) in a plastic bag instead of in the locker or other storage area. Seal the bag. Bags should be inspected daily for bed bugs. Bags can be reused as long as bugs are not observed in the bag.
- Surrounding cubbies or lockers of a student with a long-term problem with bed bugs will be checked periodically for infestation.
- High school, middle school and elementary students living in a home with a known or suspected infestation must report to office daily to allow inspection of belongings and clothing before reporting to the classroom during the period of infestation and for one week after an exterminator has resolved the issue.
- **Take all necessary steps to ensure student's privacy. For elementary students, this includes having ALL students in the classroom bag their belongings. All attempts will be made to keep the identity of the involved student and classroom in confidence and to preserve the student's emotional and physical health during the time of identification and remediation of the bed bug concern.**
- Advise student to minimize sharing of personal items to reduce the risk of sharing items that have bugs on them.
- If bugs are observed in the student's classroom or other area, collect the bug (use tape or some other method that minimizes damage to the bug). Principal or designee will notify the plant manager Classroom inspection and possible pest management inspection of room(s)/locations should be conducted for evidence of bed bug infestation. If evidence of infestation exists, notify the Director of Facilities and follow school pest management plan for treatment.
- Notify Transportation Department if student rides the bus. Students may continue to ride the bus. Drivers may clean the seats, flooring and walls by the seats with approved cleaning materials after the students vacate the bus.
- A letter will be sent home to **ALL PARENTS** to alert them of an infestation and to provide them with information about measures being taken at school.

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