

EagleRidge High School

STUDENTS 700.34

Communicable Disease – Students Procedure

In accordance with state law, administrative rule, the local health authority and the *Communicable Disease Guidance*, the procedures established below will be followed.

1. “Restrictable diseases” are defined by rule and include but are not limited to COVID-19, chickenpox, diphtheria, hepatitis A, hepatitis E, measles, mumps, pertussis, rubella, Salmonella enteric serotype Typhi infection, scabies, Shiga-toxigenic Escherichia coli (STEC) infection, shigellosis and infectious tuberculosis, and may include a communicable stage of hepatitis B infection if, in the opinion of the local health officer, the person poses an unusually high risk to others (e.g., a child that exhibits uncontrollable biting or spitting). Restrictable disease also includes any other communicable disease identified in an order issued by the Oregon Health Authority or the local public health officer as posing a danger to the public’s health. A disease is considered to be a restrictable disease if it is listed in Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-0019-010, or it has been designated to be a restrictable disease by the local public health administrator, after determining that it poses danger to public’s health.
“Susceptible” for a child means lacking documentation of immunization required under OAR 333-050-0050.
2. “Reportable diseases” means a disease, or condition, the reporting of which enables a public health authority to take action to protect or to benefit the public health.

Restrictable Diseases

1. A student of EHS will not attend school or a facility while in a communicable stage of a restrictable disease, including a communicable stage of COVID-19¹, unless authorized to do so under Oregon law.
2. An Executive Director shall exclude a susceptible child from school if the Executive Director has reason to suspect that a student has been exposed to measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis A, or hepatitis B, unless the local health officer determines that exclusion is not necessary to protect the public’s health. The Executive Director may request the local health officer to make a determination as allowed by law. If the disease is reportable, the Executive Director will report the occurrence to the local health department.
3. An Executive Director shall exclude a student if the Executive Director has been notified by a local public health administrator or local public health officer that the student has had a substantial exposure to an individual with COVID-19 and exclusion is deemed necessary by same.

¹ “Communicable stage of COVID-19” means having a positive presumptive or confirmed test of COVID-19.

4. A student will be excluded in such instances until such time as the student or the parent or guardian of the student presents a certificate from a physician, a physician assistant licensed under Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 677.505-677.525, a nurse practitioner licensed under ORS 678-375-678.390, local health department nurse or school nurse stating that the student does not have or is not a carrier of any restrictable diseases.
5. EHS may, for the protection of both the student who has a restrictable disease and the exposed student, provide an educational program in a virtual setting. A student may remain in a virtual educational setting until such time as a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, local health department nurse or school nurse states that the student does not have or is not a carrier of any restrictable disease, or until such time as a local public health administrator states that the disease is no longer communicable to others or that adequate precautions have been taken to minimize the risk of transmission. A restrictable disease exclusion for chickenpox, scabies, staphylococcal skin infections, streptococcal infections, diarrhea or vomiting may be removed by a school nurse or health care provider.
6. More stringent exclusion standards for students from school may be adopted by the local health department.
7. EHS's emergency preparedness plan shall address the school's plan with respect to a declared public health emergency at the local or state level.

Reportable Diseases Notification

1. All employees shall comply with all reporting measures adopted by EHS and with all rules set forth by the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division and the local health department.
2. The Executive Director may seek confirmation and assistance from the local health officer to determine the appropriate response when the Executive Director is notified that a student or an employee has been exposed to a restrictable disease that is also a reportable disease.
3. The Executive Director shall determine other persons who may be informed of a student's communicable disease, when a legitimate educational interest exists or for health and safety reasons in accordance with law.

Education

1. The Executive Director or designee shall seek information from the city school's nurse or other appropriate health officials regarding the health needs/hazards of all students and the impact on the educational needs of a student diagnosed with a restrictable disease or exposed to a restrictable disease.
2. The Executive Director or designee shall, utilizing information obtained above, determine an educational program for such a student and implement the program in an appropriate (i.e., regular or alternative) setting.

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3. The Executive Director or designee shall review the appropriateness of the educational program and the educational setting of each individual student diagnosed with a restrictable disease.

Equipment and Training

1. The Executive Director or designee shall, on a case-by-case basis, determine what equipment and/or supplies are necessary in a particular classroom or other setting in order to prevent disease transmission.
2. The Executive Director or designee shall consult with the city school's nurse or other appropriate health officials to provide special training in the methods of protection from disease transmission.
3. All EHS personnel will be instructed annually to use the proper precautions pertaining to blood and body fluid exposure per the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

COVID-19 Procedures

1. Students with symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to COVID-19 should not report to school. Those who develop symptoms while at school or who are exposed while at school, shall be placed in monitored isolation and sent home.
2. Students are subject to screening upon entry to the school building by the staff member at the entry door.
3. Symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Fever or chills
 - b. Cough
 - c. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
4. The following are symptoms of COVID-19 that are not enough in isolation to deny entry:
 - a. Fatigue
 - b. Muscle or body aches
 - c. Headache
 - d. New loss of taste or smell
 - e. Sore throat
 - f. Congestion or runny nose
 - g. Nausea or vomiting
 - h. Diarrhea
5. Symptomatic students should seek COVID-19 testing from their regular physician or through the Klamath County Public Health Authority.
 - a. If they have a positive COVID-19 viral (PCR) test result, the student should remain home for at least 10 days after illness onset and 72 hours after fever is gone (without use of fever reducing medicine) and other symptoms are improving.
 - i. Alternatively, a person who had a positive viral test may return to school when they have received two subsequent negative COVID-19 viral tests at least 24 hours apart and 72 hours have passed since fever is gone (without use of fever reducing medication), and other symptoms are improving.
 - b. If they have a negative COVID-19 viral test (and if they have multiple tests, all tests are negative), they should remain home until 72 hours after fever is gone (without use of fever reducing medicine), and other symptoms are improving.

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- c. If they do not undergo COVID-19 testing, the student should remain home until 72 hours after fever is gone (without use of fever reducing medicine), and other symptoms are improving.
6. Students isolated or sent home shall be recorded for the KCPH review.
7. The name of students isolated or sent home will be given to those they were in close contact with during their time at school and with the parents of any close contacts who were students.
8. Students shall use hand sanitizer at entrances upon entering the school building.
9. Students must wear face coverings or face shields. Face coverings or face shields should be washed daily.
10. Students shall engage in physical distancing and hygiene practices.
11. Students shall use the appropriate entrance and exit doors closest to their classroom.
12. Students shall use the restroom closest to their classroom. Only two people at a time may use the restroom. Restroom passes will not be reusable passes.
13. Students shall follow the hallway markers to enhance physical distancing while transitioning to another space.
14. Students shall bring to school the laptops given to them and maintain them in good working order. Laptops reduce the need to sanitize between classes.
15. Students shall be put into cohorts to limit the amount of interaction between different people.
16. Students and staff contacts will be traced so that appropriate people may be informed if a COVID-19 infection occurs.
17. All breakfasts and lunches will be served in classrooms to limit standing in line.

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