

Infectious Diseases

ESD 112 program site administrators are authorized to exclude a child or youth who has been diagnosed by a physician or is suspected of having an infectious disease in accordance with the guidance within the most current Infectious Disease Control Guide for School Staff provided by the State of Washington Department of Health and the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The site administrator or designee shall report the presence of suspected case or cases of reportable communicable disease to the appropriate local health authority as required by the State Board of Health. Such information concerning a child or youth's present and past health condition shall be treated as confidential. The site administrator shall cooperate with the local health officials in the investigation of the source of the disease.

A site administrator has the authority to send an ill child home, consistent with the guidance cited above, without the concurrence of the local health officer; but if the disease is reportable, the local health officer must be notified. The local health officer is the primary resource in the identification and control of infectious disease in community and program.

Legal References:

Chapter 70.02 RCW Medical records — Health care information access and disclosure

RCW 28A.210.010 Contagious diseases, limiting contact — Rules

Chapter 246-110 WAC Contagious disease --School districts and day care centers

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