



Communicable Disease Procedure Handbook General Guidelines for Use

This manual has been developed to increase the understanding of diseases commonly seen in pre-school and school age children. Prevention or reduction of the spread of common communicable diseases is important in the day care and school setting.

The following are the most common and basic methods of preventing the spread of disease.

Hand washing

Encouraging vigorous hand washing with warm running water and soap after using the toilet, before and after eating, sneezing, after blowing or touching the nose, after playing on the playground, and after handling pets or pet objects.

Use of Disposable Tissues

Encouraging the use of disposable tissue in the classroom for blowing the nose, coughing and sneezing helps to decrease spread of respiratory discharges. Proper disposal of used tissues and hand washing afterwards is important.

DISEASES TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

If the school has been notified of the following **suspected or confirmed diseases** they should notify the **Genesee County Health Department** at **(810)257-1017**.

Measles

Mumps

Rubella

Pertussis

Bacterial Meningitis

Hepatitis A

Tuberculosis

Influenza

Head lice

Chickenpox (by age)

Unusual occurrences, outbreaks or epidemics of any disease, infection, or condition

All occurrences of communicable disease (especially rash-like illness with fever) are required by law to be immediately reported to the local health department. In addition to immediate notification by telephone, the **Michigan School Building Weekly Report of Communicable Disease form DCH-0453** (formerly IP-10) should be completed and sent each Friday regardless if there are any diseases to report.

This fact sheet is for information only and is not meant to be used for self diagnosis or as a substitute for consultation with a health care provider. For more information, call your health care provider.

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