



Students shall be excluded from school temporarily if they have, or have been exposed to, certain communicable diseases. Periods of exclusion for the various communicable diseases shall be those prescribed by the Metropolitan Health Department. As they deem necessary, municipalities and local boards of health are authorized to make and enforce additional ordinances, rules or regulations beyond the minimum requirements for the prevention and control of communicable diseases. (Statutory Authority: T.C.A. 68-5-104(a); Rules, Department of Health and Environment: 1200-14-1-.24)

Parents or guardians of infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infection so that proper precautions for the protection of other students, employees, and the infected student shall be taken.

No student with a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either that student or other individuals will enter or remain in the regular school setting.<sup>1,2</sup> If a school principal has reason to believe a student has a communicable disease which may endanger the health of either that student or other individuals in the regular school setting, the principal shall:

1. Assign the student to a setting which will protect that student, other students, and employees; or
2. Excluded the student from school until certification is obtained from a physician or the Metropolitan Health Department by either the parent or principal stating that the student is no longer communicable.

If the principal has reason to believe that the student has a long-term communicable disease, the principal must require confirmation from a physician or the Metropolitan Health Department as to the student's condition. If the student is confirmed to have a long-term communicable disease the principal shall refer the student for appropriated educational services.

The principal may request that further examinations be conducted by a physician or the Metropolitan Health Department and may request periodic reexaminations after the student has been readmitted to the school.

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The names of all students excluded will be forwarded to the Director of Schools. Parents or guardians of students excluded under this policy may petition for the student's readmission to the Director who shall consider in deciding the petition the available medical information, the best interest of the educational process, and all parties involved.

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(4)(c)(1).
2. TCA 49-2-203(b)(2).

1200-14-1-.02 NOTIFIABLE DISEASES  
1200-14-1-.41

The following diseases and conditions are declared to be communicable and/or dangerous to the public and are to be reported to the local health officer or local health department by all physicians and other persons knowing of or suspecting a case in accordance with the provision of the statutes and regulations governing the control of communicable diseases in Tennessee:

**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

The diseases and conditions listed below are declared to be communicable and/or dangerous to the public and are to be reported to the local health department by all hospitals, physicians, laboratories, and other persons knowing of or suspecting a case in accordance with the provision of the statutes and regulations governing the control of communicable diseases in Tennessee.

**Category 1: Immediate telephonic reporting required:**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Anthrax                         | Group A Strep Invasive Disease          |
| <u>Botulism</u>                 | Group B Strep Invasive Disease          |
| 1. Foodborne                    | Haemophilus influenzae Invasive Disease |
| 2. Wound                        | Hantavirus Disease                      |
| Diphtheria                      | Hepatitis-Type A acute                  |
| <b>Disease Outbreaks</b>        | Listeriosis                             |
| 1. Foodborne                    | Measles                                 |
| 2. Waterborne                   | Meningococcal Disease                   |
| 3. All Other                    | Meningitis-Other Bacterial              |
| <u>Encephalitis, Arboviral</u>  | Mumps                                   |
| 1. California/LaCross scrogroup | Pertussis                               |
| 2. Eastern Equine               | Plague                                  |
| 3. St. Louis                    | Poliomyelitis                           |
| 4. Western Equine               | Rabies-Human                            |
| 5. West Nile-like               | Rubella & Congenital Rubella Syndrome   |
| Typhoid Fever                   |   |

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**Category 2: Only written report required:**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Botulism-infant                   | Rabies-Animal                            |
| Brucellosis                       | Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever             |
| Campylobacteriosis                | Salmonellosis-other than S. typhi        |
| Chancroid                         | Shiga-like Toxin positive stool          |
| <i>Chlamydia Trichomatis</i>      | Shigellosis                              |
| Cholera                           | <u>Strep pneumoniae</u> Invasive Disease |
| Cyclospora                        | 1. Penicillin resistant                  |
| Cryptosporidiosis                 | 2. Penicillin sensitive                  |
| Ehrlichiosis                      | Syphilis                                 |
| <i>Escherichia coli 0157:H7</i>   | Tetanus                                  |
| Giardiasis (acute)                | <u>Toxic Shock Syndrome</u>              |
| Gonorrhea                         | 1. Staphylococcal                        |
| Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome         | 2. Streptococcal                         |
| <u>Hepatitis, Viral</u>           | Trichinosis                              |
| 1. Type B acute                   | Tuberculosis-all forms                   |
| 2. HBsAg positive pregnant female | Vancomycin Resistant Enterococci         |
| 3. Type C acute                   | Varicella deaths                         |
| Influenza-weekly casecount        | Vibrio infections                        |
| Legionellosis                     | Yellow Fever                             |
| Leprosy (Hansen Disease)          | Yersiniosis                              |
| Lyme Disease                      |  |
| Malaria                           |  |
| Psittacosis                       |  |

**Category 3: Requires special confidential reporting to designated health department personnel:**

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS)  
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

**Category 4: Laboratories required to report all blood lead test results meeting criteria:**

Lead Poisoning (blood lead levels > 10ug/dl for children 0-72 months of age)  
In accordance with T.C.A. 37-1-403 any physician or other person diagnosing or treating venereal herpes or any of these reportable sexually transmitted diseases in a child 13 years of age or younger should make a confidential written report of the case to the Department (the Metropolitan Health Department).