

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The School District of Colby has established plans responsive to a major disease outbreak in our community. The policies below provide a general outlined of the District's preparedness for the exigencies that a pandemic would present.

The District will focus its efforts for planning and coordination of its Crisis Plan on:

- Preparedness - Preliminary Actions
- Infection Control Strategies
- Closing of Schools Due to Illness
- Continuation of Learning and Core School Operations (If Closed)
- Communications
- Reopening After a pandemic.

The District will communicate to parents and community the need for precautions to prevent and contain an epidemic through sound hygiene, and school will remain in session unless closed by order of Health Services authorities. Parental excuses for absences for students not ill will be honored up to the ten-day limit.

Sanitation and other prevention strategies will be employed as preventive measures to avoid the spread of communicable diseases in our schools. School activities and other large-group gatherings as well as student travel plans may be curtailed as strategies to prevent the spread of disease.

Administrators will develop strategies and procedures for effectively dealing with students who become ill at school, as well as communicating with parents the need for being attendant to the symptoms of any pending diseases.

If any District schools are closed by order of health authorities, students will be allowed to carry home instructional materials and will be provided long-term instructional assignments that can be accomplished at home. Administrators will develop guidelines for teachers' records, materials, etc., in the event schools are closed for any period of time because of infectious diseases.

To the extent possible, all business services and policies of the District will continue even in the event of school closings. Communications will continue through all available media if schools are closed

LEGAL REFERENCES: Wisconsin Statute. 252.02 (3) & 252.03 (2)
Wisconsin Statute 118.15 (3) (c)

CROSS REFERENCE: Communicable Diseases #453.3 Rule