

Infectious Disease

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Spills/Infection Control

State code requires each school district to develop and implement precautionary sanitary procedures for handling body fluids. These procedures shall be reviewed **provided** with all students annually.

The following guidelines are meant to provide simple and effective precautions against the spread of infectious diseases to students that may become exposed to body fluids.

Procedures: Students

A. General

1. When applying pressure to stop a bleeding wound, disposable gloves should always be worn.
2. Disposable gloves should never be reused. Personnel cleaning up spills should avoid any exposure of their open skin lesions or mucous membranes such as the eyes, nose and mouth.
3. Surfaces soiled with the above substances should be promptly disinfected; use a 10 percent bleach solution (1 part bleach to 9 parts water) or school district-approved disinfectant for colorfast surfaces, and other EPA-approved disinfectants or germicides for surfaces that will fade. Note: The bleach solution should be freshly made each day. (1/3 cup bleach to 1 quart water)
4. Whenever possible, disposable towels, tissues or similar materials should be used in the cleanup process. These disposables, including the gloves, should be sealed in one plastic bag, double bagged in a second bag and discard.
5. Non-disposable cleaning equipment and materials, such as mop heads, should also be disinfected with bleach or other EPA-approved disinfectant or germicide. Linens that are not disposable, such as towels, may be cleaned in a normal hot water laundry cycle, but should be stored in a plastic bag until laundered.
6. Hands should be washed in soap and water after handling fluids and contaminated articles even though gloves are worn.
7. The sharp or blood-contaminated objects, such as lancets, needles, glass ampoules, razor blades and strips used for blood or urine testing, should be disposed of in a puncture-proof container. All needles should be disposed of without being bent or recapped.
8. If there is exposure to blood or other body fluids, a report to the school office will dictate possible further medical attention needed, by district policy.

B. Hand Washing

- Use soap and running water. Soap suspends easily removable soil and microorganisms allowing them to be washed off.
- Rub hands together for approximately 10 seconds to work up lather.
- Scrub between fingers, knuckles, backs of hands, and nails.
- Rinse hands under running water. Running water is necessary to carry away debris and dirt.
- Use paper towels to thoroughly dry hands.
- Discard paper towels.

C. Education

- Annually, the Pike County Schools will provide students with information, education, or

training related to infectious diseases, including transmission, risk education, and standard precautions, based on CDC guidelines or recommendations.

- Pike County Schools shall make personal protective equipment (PPE) readily available and appropriate to the task.
- Pike County Schools having reasonable suspicion to believe that a student has an infectious disease, school authorities shall counsel that person immediately, or if the person is a minor, notify his or her parent or guardian of the need to obtain an appropriate medical evaluation.
- Operational decisions related to students infected with an infectious disease shall be made in conjunction with the school nurse, state and/or local public health agency representatives, health care professionals, and school system administrators.
- Pike County School System shall limit the disclosure of health-related information of its students. FERPA prohibits the unauthorized disclosure of information from educational records except in certain limited circumstances, such as a health and safety emergency as described in 34 C.F.R. 99.31 (a) (10) and 99.36. Additionally, the disclosure of certain confidential health information may be a misdemeanor punishable under O.C.G.A. 24-9-47.

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