

**CANTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

Policy:

Management of an infectious disease in the school setting will be in accordance with guidelines established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Rationale:

Infectious diseases are one of the major problems that schools face, causing staff and student absence, as well as discomfort and sometimes serious illness. In recent years there has been a resurgence of infectious diseases worldwide resulting from drug resistant strains of common infectious diseases and the emergence of new infectious diseases for which there are no cures or vaccines. School systems have a responsibility to insure appropriate inclusion/exclusion criteria and support infected students and staff.

Reference:

MGL c.71, s.55, 55A, 55B

105 CMR 300:120, 150, 190, 191

MDPH: The Comprehensive School Health Manual

National Association of School Nurses: Position Statement on Infectious Diseases

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