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#### 8450 - **CONTROL OF CASUAL-CONTACT COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

The School Board recognizes that control of the spread of communicable disease spread through casual contact is essential to the well-being of the school community and to the efficient District operation.

For purposes of this policy, "casual-contact communicable disease" shall include diphtheria, scarlet fever and other strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and/or others designated by the Florida Department of Public Health.

In order to protect the health and safety of the students, District personnel, and the community at large, the Board shall follow all State statutes and Health Department regulations which pertain to immunization (see also Policy 5320) and other means for controlling communicable disease spread through normal interaction in the school setting.

If a student exhibits symptoms of a communicable disease, the Principal will isolate the student in the building, contact the school nurse, and attempt to contact the parents. Isolation of a student means the separation of a student who is reasonably believed to be infected with a communicable disease from individuals who are not infected to prevent the possible spread of the disease. The District will follow directives from the Monroe County Health Department regarding notification of that department when a student appears to have, or have been, exposed to a communicable disease, as well as directives from the Monroe County Health Department regarding whether or not the student should be excluded from school for a prescribed period of time.

The Superintendent shall develop administrative procedures for the control of communicable disease which shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. instruction of instructional staff members in the detection of these common diseases and measures for their prevention and control;
- B. removal of students from District property to the care of a responsible adult;
- C. preparation of standards for the readmission of students who have recovered from casual-contact communicable diseases;
- D. filing of reports as required by statute and the State Department of Health.

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