



St. John Fisher Elementary School

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To Parents/Guardians,

RE: INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE SCHOOLS

Infectious diseases are common in the schools and can impact health. Certain infectious diseases are contagious and can be transmitted from one person to another.

INFORM THE SCHOOL

- If your child is ill, you must inform the school of his absence. If you take him to the doctor, ask whether your child has a contagious disease; if so, please inform the school (see the list of diseases to be reported below). The CSSS nurse will be informed and, if necessary, will contact you for more information and to answer your questions.
- The child who is ill must remain at home until he is able to participate in school activities. For certain contagious diseases, the child's return must be delayed until the end of the contagious period.
- If your child has a special medical condition such as immunosuppression, please ask your doctor which contagious diseases are dangerous for him and advise the school administration. The CSSS nurse will be informed and will let you know if a case is reported in the school.

LIST OF DISEASES TO BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

Whooping cough	Measles
Diphtheria	Mumps
Erythema Infectiosum (fifth disease)	Rubella
Scabies	Scarlet fever or Streptococcal sore throat
Gastroenteritis or food poisoning	MRSA infection (methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus infection)
Hepatitis A	Tinea Capitis (ringworm of the scalp)
Impetigo (for elementary school only)	Tinea Corporis (ringworm of the body)
Meningitis (bacterial or viral)	Tuberculosis
Pediculosis (head lice)	Herpes zoster
Varicella (chickenpox)	

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VACCINATION AND HYGIENE: THE BEST MEANS OF PREVENTION

Vaccination is the best way to prevent certain diseases. As parents, you are responsible for having your child vaccinated.

- Your child should have received vaccines against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, German measles, mumps, Haemophilus influenzae type B and chicken pox (if he/she has not already had this disease). Children in Grade 4 should have also received hepatitis A and B vaccine, and girls only should have been vaccinated against human papillomavirus (HPV). If you are unsure, consult your CSSS or your family doctor so that you can complete your child's vaccinations if necessary.
- Children who suffer from certain diseases may require other vaccines. Consult your doctor or your CSSS.
- Hygiene measures are also necessary to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. Wash your hands, use a paper tissue when coughing or sneezing, avoid sharing personal objects, cover wounds with a dressing and take measures to avoid contact with blood from another person. These are simple and effective actions that everyone can take.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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