RTD Math Academy

Health Protocol Policy

POLICY

Where a staff member has reason to believe that a student or staff member is infected with a notifiable communicable disease as defined by the Sections 22(1) and 26 of the Alberta *Public Health Act,* he/she must immediately notify their site administrator or designate. The administrator or designate shall notify the Alberta Health Services Medical Officer of Health for their Zone

(a) By the fastest means possible in the case of a prescribed disease that is designated in the regulations as requiring immediate notification, or
(b) Within 48 hours in the prescribed form in the case of any other prescribed disease.

DEFINITIONS

In this Policy,

(a) "Communicable disease" means an illness in humans that is caused by an organism or micro-organism or its toxic products and is transmitted directly or indirectly from an infected person or animal or the environment.

(b) "Notifiable disease" is any communicable disease listed in Schedule 1 or 2 of the *Public Health Act Communicable Diseases Regulation* 238/85 and any communicable disease in epidemic form. Notifiable diseases are reportable.

(c) "Medical Officer of Health" means a physician appointed by a regional health authority or designated by the Minister under the *Public Health Act* as a medical officer of health, and includes the Chief Medical Officer and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer.

PROCESS FOR NOTIFYING THE ZONE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

(a) Each Zone has clearly defined processes for business operations whereby school staff is advised when and how to contact their local Public Health Nurse or Medical Officer of Health/designate in accordance with their reporting requirements under the *Alberta Public Health Act* and the *Communicable Diseases Regulation*.

(b) Public Health staff in each Zone actively communicate this message (verbally and/or in written format) to key identified site-specific contacts at the beginning of every year, and throughout the school year as appropriate.

(c) For more information on Zone-specific processes, please contact your local Public Health Nurse or your Zone Medical Officer/designate:

Zone	Medical Officer of Health/Designate
South	1-587-220-5753
Calgary	1-403-955-6750
Central	1-403-356-6420
Edmonton	1-780-445-7226
North	1-855-513-7530

REFERENCES

Province of Alberta. *Public Health Act*. Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000. Chapter P-37. (2015), which can be accessed at http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/P37.pdf

Province of Alberta. *Public Health Act*. *Communicable Diseases Regulation* Alberta Regulation 238/85. (2014). which can be accessed at http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Regs/1985_238.pdf