

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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Purpose: To establish the basic structure for dealing with students who have communicable or infectious diseases.

The center will not automatically exclude students with a serious communicable disease from attendance. When a student has a physical condition that would interfere with his/her ability to learn or would expose other students to infection, the director, after consultation with appropriate authorities, will make the decision regarding attendance.

State regulations require that the director, center nurse or other health professional who receives notice of a minor's human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection must keep the information strictly confidential. The information should only be revealed to public school personnel who have a bona fide need to know. Violation of the confidentiality requirements is a violation of state law.

Head lice (Pediculosis)

If an instructor suspects a student of having head lice, he/she will notify the center nurse or director's designee. If the student has an active infestation, center personnel will notify the parents/legal guardians by telephone or in writing with recommendations for treatment procedures.

The center will inform parents/legal guardians, teachers, center nurses and administrators of the following.

- recommendations for treatment procedures
- documentation required for readmission to the center

Readmission to school

The center prohibits a student who is sent home with head lice from returning to the center until he/she meets the following conditions.

- The student shows evidence of treatment as determined by the center.
- The student passes a physical screening by the center nurse or director's designee that shows the absence of head lice.

At no time will a student be allowed to return to the center without proof of treatment and a screening.

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Legal references:

- A. South Carolina Code, 1976, as amended:
 1. Section 44-29-200 - Attendance of teachers or pupils with contagious or infectious disease may be prohibited.
 2. Section 44-29-195 - Requirements for returning to school after having head lice; department to provide treatment vouchers.
- B. Department of Health and Environmental Control Regulations:
 1. R-61-20 - Communicable diseases.
 2. R-61-21 - Sexually transmitted diseases.