



Hillcrest Christian School 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) The School knows 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 for each school 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