



COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Blue Oak Charter Council desires to protect students from risks posed by exposure to infectious diseases while providing an appropriate education for all students. The Board recognizes that prevention and education are the most effective means of limiting the spread of infectious disease. All measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases shall be nondiscriminatory and ensure that equity is promoted

If the local health officer notifies Blue Oak Charter School (Blue Oak) of an outbreak of a communicable disease, or the imminent and proximate threat of a communicable disease outbreak or epidemic that threatens the public's health, the Blue Oak shall take any action that the health officer deems necessary to control the spread of the disease, and comply with all applicable state and federal privacy laws in regard to any such information received from the local health officer

Reporting

Reportable diseases, as defined by the state health department and designated on the communicable disease chart in the school clinic, will be reported to the local health department.

These diseases include chickenpox, measles, pertussis, meningitis, hepatitis A, shigella, salmonella, mumps, T.B., E. coli, COVID-19, and hepatitis B.

Students and staff shall observe universal precautions in order to prevent exposure to bloodborne pathogens and to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Students with Infectious Diseases

Students shall be excluded from on-campus instruction only in the case of causally transmitted diseases.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to inform Blue Oak if their child has an infectious disease so that school staff may work cooperatively with the student's parents/guardians to minimize the child's exposure to other diseases in the school setting. If necessary, the Executive Director or designee shall inform the local health official of any potential outbreak. Blue Oak will ensure that student confidentiality and privacy rights are strictly observed in accordance with law.