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COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND IMMUNIZATION

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A. PURPOSE

1. The Board shares with its member school districts a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all students and staff.

B. AUTHORITY

1. In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that the adopted policy of the member school district concerning communicable diseases and immunization shall be followed for students admitted from that district into Intermediate Unit programs.
2. A copy of the health record, including all documents as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, shall be submitted to the Intermediate Unit upon a student's enrollment in an Intermediate Unit program.
3. The Board requires students attending Early Intervention programs operated by the Intermediate Unit to be immunized in accordance with all requirements of the law.

C. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. For CLIU classrooms not in school district buildings, the CLIU building nurse or Special Education Supervisor shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health.
2. Intermediate Unit staff may review each diagnosed case of communicable disease to determine how the affected student's educational needs can be met and how to protect the health and welfare of students and staff with whom s/he may come in contact.

D. GUIDELINES

1. All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.
2. Exclusion of students shall be conducted in accordance with applicable law and regulation and in consultation with the local health department and applicable physicians.