

K-12 Infection Control Policies and Procedures

Tasks	√	Planning Notes
Identify local health department contact: Name _____ Location _____ Phone _____ Email _____		
Identify school district infection control officer: Name _____ Location _____ Phone _____ Email _____		
Identify campus infection control contact: Name _____ Location _____ Phone _____ Email _____		
Work with the local health department to implement effective infection prevention policies and procedures that help limit the spread of influenza at schools in the district <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • promotion of hand hygiene • cough/sneeze etiquette • Encourage students and staff to get annual influenza vaccine • www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm 		
Promote good hygiene and promote other healthy habits now in order to help protect children from many infectious diseases such as flu. (See www.fyiahec.org) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hand hygiene • cough/sneeze etiquette • proper nutrition • exercise • relaxation / stress management • proper rest 		
Provide sufficient and accessible infection prevention supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soap • alcohol-based/waterless hand hygiene products • tissues • receptacles for proper waste disposal 		
Establish policies and procedures for students and staff sick leave absences unique to a pandemic influenza <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • liberal leave • non-punitive 		

<p>Establish absenteeism and sick leave policies for staff and students with known or suspected pandemic influenza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should not attend school • should not remain at school • return to school only after their symptoms resolve and they are physically able 		
<p>Establish sick leave policies for staff and students attending school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suspected to be ill • who become ill at school • Isolation procedures 		
<p>Establish policies for transporting ill students.</p>		
<p>Assure that the LEA pandemic plan for school-based health facilities conforms to those recommended for health care settings (Refer to www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/sup4.html)</p>		