



Policy: Communicable Diseases

Policy Statement

The Jireh Christian School (“the School”) Board recognises its responsibility to provide a healthy and safe environment. This includes protection from those who are carrying, suspected of carrying, or are at risk of carrying, a communicable disease.

Procedural Guidelines

1. The School will ensure that all members of the School community are protected as far as possible from infection.
2. In the event a communicable disease is confirmed by a medical practitioner, the School will follow the guidelines of the relevant health authority.
3. The School will provide appropriate information to parents, staff and students if and when necessary.
4. The School will safeguard the privacy of all members of the School community.
5. The School will take opportunities to keep itself informed about communicable diseases.
6. Staff will be made familiar with the procedures on handling infectious diseases.
7. If a student’s health is causing concern, staff will notify the Principal.
8. The Principal may preclude a student from School if they have reasonable grounds to believe the student may have a communicable disease. As soon as practicable after precluding the student, the Principal must make all reasonable efforts to tell the following persons about the preclusion and why:
 - 8.1 The Board;
 - 8.2 A parent of the student; and
 - 8.3 The Medical Officer of Health.
9. If a student has been precluded on suspicion of having a communicable disease, the Board must, as soon as practicable, investigate the matter and either cancel the preclusion or confirm that the student must stay precluded until the Board receives a certificate from a medical practitioner.
10. The School will reserve the right to impose, and enforce, a period of time for incubation on those School personnel (staff and students) when there is a possibility of those personnel carrying a communicable disease.
11. In the event of an outbreak of a communicable, notifiable disease, all those students, and staff born after 1969, who are not immunised will need to stay at home for the quarantine period. This time period is worked out using the quarantine calculator.

Legislative Compliance

The Education and Training Act 2020, Section 77
Health (Infectious and Notifiable Diseases) Regulations 2016
The Ministry of Health NZ
Auckland Regional Health Service
The Health Act 1956



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