

TEXAS SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

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REPORTS

School authorities, including the Superintendent, principal, teacher, school health official, or counselor, shall report to the local health authority those students attending school who are suspected of having a notifiable condition, as defined by state law and the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS). If there is no local health authority appointed or if the School is outside of a local health authority, the report shall be made to the regional director.

25 TAC 97.2(d), 97.5(a); Health and Safety Code 81.041, 81.042

**EXCLUSION
COMMUNICABLE
CONDITION DEFINED BY
RULE**

TSD shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having a communicable condition, listed in 25 Administrative Code 97.7(a), until the readmission criteria for the condition are met..

25 TAC 97.7(a)

**COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE DESIGNATED
BY COMMISSIONER**

TSD shall exclude from attendance any child having or suspected of having a communicable disease designated by the commissioner of health as cause for exclusion. Any child excluded for reason of communicable disease may be readmitted, as determined by the local health authority by:

1. Certificate of the attending physician attesting to their recovery and noninfectiousness,
2. Permit for readmission issued by the local health authority; or
3. After a period of time corresponding to the duration of the communicability of the disease, as established by the commissioner.

25 TAC 97.7(b-c)

Note: The TDSHS Recommendations for the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases in a Group-Care Setting, including the Communicable Disease Chart for Schools and Child-Care Centers, detailing symptoms and treatment information regarding several diseases, as well as exclusion and re-admission criteria, is available at http://www.dshs.state.tx.us.us/idcu/health/schools_childcare/.

BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

TEA shall prescribe procedures by which TSD shall provide information relating to bacterial meningitis to its students and their parents each school year. The procedures must ensure that the information is reasonably likely to come to the attention of the parents of each student. The agency shall prescribe the form and content of the information.

With the written consent of TEA, the School may provide the information to its students and their parents by a method different than that prescribed by the agency if the agency determines that method would be effective in bringing the information to the attention to the parents of each student.

Education Code 38.0025

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