

**SECTION 6: OPERATIONS****Policy 6.28.01: Infectious Disease including H.I.V. (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)/ A.I.D.S (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and Hepatitis C*****Supporting Policies******Supporting Procedures******Supporting Protocols and Guidelines******Supporting Templates and Forms***

WSIB Workers Exposure Form

***Other Resources***

[Infection Control Info Packages: APH - Diseases \(A-Z\)](#)

[Medical Officer of Health Letter to School Principals re: procedures](#)

[Algoma Public Health: Infection Control Program](#)

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**POLICY STATEMENT**

All students and staff are entitled to a safe and healthy learning and working environment. The Board is committed to working cooperatively with staff, parents/guardians, students and related community agencies to support students who may require health and/or medical services while at school or while being supervised by Board personnel.

This policy (and the supporting procedure) recognizes the need to support the provincial curriculum expectations related to infectious diseases and provides direction on action to be followed to prevent the transmission of infectious disease should a student or employee in the system become infected with H.I.V., A.I.D.S., Hepatitis C, or any other infectious disease.

It shall be policy:

1. To provide for students, in a context which emphasizes understanding and the development of healthy sexuality, an education which enables them to be responsible, compassionate individuals, able to avoid the behaviours which might lead to an infectious disease.
2. In cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the Medical Officer of Health, to reinforce the requirements which provide confidentiality to a student or employee who is infected with H.I.V., A.I.D.S., Hepatitis C or another infectious disease.
3. To follow appropriate procedures to prevent the transmission of infectious disease.
4. As per the Health Protection and Promotion Act R.S.O.1990, c.H.7, s.28, "The principal of the school, on becoming aware that a pupil in the school has or may have a communicable disease, shall as soon as possible, report to the Medical Officer of Health of the health unit in which the school is located." The principal



will make reasonable effort to inform the parent/guardian that the Medical Officer of Health has been notified. Principals are also expected to notify parents/guardians of immune suppressed children in the event a communicable disease including chickenpox, measles or mumps is confirmed within the school.