

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

The Albemarle County School Board recognizes the importance of protecting its students and employees from the transmission of communicable diseases which present a threat to their health and safety, while also protecting the legitimate interests and rights of students and employees with communicable diseases. The Board directs the Superintendent to act in compliance with applicable law to exclude from school attendance or work in the school setting any person who has a communicable disease as advised by health authorities. Any decision to exclude a student from school attendance or an employee from work shall be made by the Superintendent based on consultation with the local health department, the student's or employee's physician, and/or other appropriate medical authorities. (See Policy JHCCA, Blood Bourne Contagious or Infectious Diseases).

The identity of a student or employee who has a communicable disease will be kept confidential and will be revealed only in accordance with state law. An alternative educational program may, at the Superintendent's discretion, be made available to any student whose exclusion from school pursuant to this policy is expected to cause prolonged absence from school or where otherwise required by law.

Administrative procedures concerning the exclusion of employees and students with communicable diseases are consistent with legal requirements and reflect current medical knowledge and research.

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 JHC, *Student Health Services & Requirement*  
 IGBG, *Homebound, Correspondence and Alternative Means of Instruction*  
 JHCCA, *Blood Bourne Contagious or Infectious Diseases*