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Communicable Diseases Policy

Pine Creek School Division recognizes that the prevention, management and control of communicable diseases requires cooperation with health-care professionals and practitioners and decisions made by the school division must be guided by the professional judgment of those charged with providing health care services.

Therefore, when making decisions with regard to communicable diseases and/or conditions including, but not limited to, measles, chicken pox, lice, scabies, mumps, influenza, etc., schools will refer to and adhere to the latest protocols posted by Manitoba Health Communicable Disease Control Unit on the provincial website which is currently hosted at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/publichealth/cdc/protocol/index.html#P> While this website location may change, the policy still directs Pine Creek personnel to consult with the latest protocols set by Manitoba Health.

Such decisions may include, but are not limited to, the following: examination of students for communicable diseases or conditions; exclusion of staff or students from school; timelines for return to school; notifications to the general public; distribution of information on communicable diseases or conditions.

For further information, assistance and/or clarification, schools will liaise with public health professionals from the local Regional Health Authority.

The school division also recognizes its responsibility to respect the privacy of members of the school community affected by communicable diseases and conditions.

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