

AP 4209: Communicable Disease

The purpose of this Administrative Procedure is to safeguard the health and safety of our employees and students from communicable diseases. Communicable diseases are illnesses caused by an infectious agent or its toxins that occur through the direct or indirect transmission of an infectious agent or its products from an infected individual or another vector.

This procedure enables the creation of a communicable disease plan which provides a framework to implement additional specific controls to address specific communicable diseases during periods of elevated risk as determined by the Provincial Health Officer, a medical health officer or the BC Centre for Disease Control.

Procedures

1. School District No. 8 (Kootenay Lake) will undergo the creation of a communicable disease plan that include details on the following:
 - 1.1. Sick Worker Support
 - 1.2. Cleaning
 - 1.3. Ventilation
 - 1.4. Vaccines
2. This Plan will also include a method to ensure the contents of the plan are communicated to all staff and education partners.
3. During periods of elevated risk of communicable diseases, the Medical Health Officer (MHO) or Provincial Health Officer (PHO) may provide information and guidance about the risk and how this risk can be reduced. During such periods SD8 may elect to create an addendum under this plan, including details on the following:
 - 3.1. Available information on the risk of the communicable disease (as provided by the MHO, PHO, BC CDC or other reputable public health entity);
 - 3.2. Infection prevention and exposure control measures, and;
 - 3.3. Information on how education, Aboriginal and inclusion supports will be impacted and any strategies to be implemented to offset the impact of this plan to students and families.
4. The addendum will be developed and implemented as soon as information is received by the district from the MHO or the PHO. The Superintendent or designate will create the addendum based on this information.
5. A Communications Plan will be developed to ensure that all staff and education partners are trained in the contents of the addendum (where appropriate).