

1. PURPOSE

To ensure the continuous wellbeing of our students, employees, and the rest of the SISD community, as per the current prevention and control measures against communicable diseases.

SISD aspires to maintain the highest standard of cleaning as a mode to reduce the transmission of sickness and disease.

This infection control policy is constantly under review, responding to the changing needs of the health of the school community.

2. PROCEDURE FOR PARENTS

To reduce the spread of illness in the school, the following regulations apply:

- **DO NOT** send your child to the school if they have:
 - **Fever above 37.5°C**
 - **Signs and symptoms of a respiratory, COVID-19 or flu-like illness** such as
 - fever of ≥ 37.5
 - cough
 - sneezing
 - runny nose
 - nasal congestion
 - headache
 - loss of taste or smell
 - sore throat
 - shortness of breath / difficulty in breathing
 - body aches
 - muscle pain
 - diarrhea
 - nausea and/or vomiting
 - **Red, watery, painful, eyes with sticky or yellow discharge (Conjunctivitis)**
 - **Skin rash**
 - Of an infective origin
 - Is unexplained
 - On an extensive area of the body
 - **Vomiting or diarrhea**
 - Must be 24 hours free of symptoms since the last episode, without the use of medication.
 - **Head lice**
 - **All cases of infective/ communicable diseases until the end of the communicability period and provision of a clearance certificate**
- All cases of infectious diseases should be away from the school for all periods of communicability.
 - The period of communicability is declared by the School Clinic Team as outlined by the guidelines from the health authorities.

- **Should a communicable disease be suspected in a child during the school day or a possible source of infection to others, parents will be contacted to pick up their child to take him/her to be cleared by a doctor.**
- The siblings (if any) or household members of the child will be assessed as well to ensure they have not contracted the same communicable disease.
- **Your child will be allowed to attend the school only with a medical certificate, stating that the child is not infectious anymore.**
 - It is clearance certificate, not the certificate of absence.
- Parents must inform the school of any diagnosis that may affect the health of other students within the school community. Health alerts will be sent, at the discretion of the School Clinic Team, informing parents of any infectious diseases that have been diagnosed.
- Students returning from exclusion due to the above symptoms will be checked in the clinic or the holding area before the resumption of class, following provision of the medical clearance certificate.
- Please inform the school if your child has been or is being treated for a medical condition.
- If your child has an infected or open sore or wound, it must be covered with a well-sealed dressing or plaster.
- The school clinic only provides first aid for illnesses and injuries that occur in school during school hours. Any illness or injury occurring outside of school must be treated privately at home.
- Please refer to the COVID-19 protocol (on [this page](#) on our website) for cases with signs and symptoms relating to COVID-19.
 - These include upper or Lower respiratory symptoms, cough, sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, shortness of breath and difficulty in breathing, body aches, muscle pain, diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting, among others; with or without a fever of $\geq 37.5^{\circ}$.