

Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District	COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	Policy # 5140C
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The Southwest Vermont Regional Technical School District recognizes the transmission of communicable diseases must be limited in order to protect the rights of all students and employees. Therefore, the Board establishes the following guidelines:

1. The MAU school nurse, or designee, in consultation with administration as needed, will determine when a student/employee shall be excluded from school due to a communicable illness. When appropriate, the student's parent(s)/guardian(s), physician, and/or the Department of Health will also be consulted.
2. A physician's evaluation may be required for a definitive diagnosis to assure that the student/employee is no longer infectious.
3. In the event that the school nurse determines that a student has had a significant exposure to blood, the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified by the school nurse immediately and advised to consult the child's physician at once.
4. Students will not be permitted to clean up blood or potentially infectious materials of others.
5. The school district shall comply with applicable Vermont Occupational Safety and Health Administration (VOSHA) rules in order to protect employees who are reasonably anticipated to be exposed to bloodborne pathogens as part of their job duties.
6. The superintendent or his/her designee shall determine those employees (by job class and possibly by task or procedure) who are reasonably anticipated to have occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials as part of their duties. These employees will be protected in strict accordance with the provisions of the VOSHA rules.
7. All staff not covered by the VOSHA standard shall be instructed to avoid contact with potentially infectious materials and blood and shall immediately contact a member of the staff who is covered by the exposure control plan. When this is not possible, any person providing assistance shall follow universal precautions.
8. Universal Precautions information will be hung in key location(s) in the school.

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