

WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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(LEGAL)

REPORTS	<p>School authorities, including the Superintendent, principal, teacher, school health official, or counselor, shall report to the local health authority those students attending school who are suspected of having a notifiable condition, as defined by state law and the Texas Board of Health. If there is no local health authority appointed or if the District is outside the jurisdiction of a local health authority, the report shall be made to the regional director. <i>25 TAC 97.2(d), 97.5(a); Health and Safety Code 81.041, 81.042</i></p>
SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES	<p>School administrators who are not medical directors are exempt from reporting AIDS, chancroid, Chlamydia trachomatis infection, gonorrhea, HIV infection, or syphilis to the local health authority or regional director. <i>25 TAC 97.132</i> [See FFG(LEGAL) regarding reports to the Department of Family and Protective Services]</p> <p>“School administrator” means the city or county superintendent of schools or the principal of any school not under the jurisdiction of a city or county board of education. <i>25 TAC 97.1(24)</i></p>
EXCLUSION	<p>The principal shall exclude from attendance any student suffering from a communicable condition, as defined by the Texas Board of Health, until one of the criteria for readmittance is fulfilled. <i>25 TAC 97.7(b)</i></p>
READMITTANCE	<p>Students excluded for reason of communicable disease shall be readmitted by one or more of the following methods, as determined by the local health authority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Certificate of the attending physician attesting to their recovery and noninfectiousness.2. Permit for readmission issued by the local health authority.3. After a period of time corresponding to the duration of the communicability of the disease, as established by the commissioner of health. <p><i>25 TAC 97.7(c)</i></p>
BACTERIAL MENINGITIS	<p>TEA shall prescribe procedures by which each district shall provide information relating to bacterial meningitis to its students and their parents each school year. The procedures must ensure that the information is reasonably likely to come to the attention of the parents of each student. The agency shall prescribe the form and content of the information.</p> <p>With the written consent of TEA, the District may provide the information to its students and their parents by a method different from the method prescribed by the agency if the agency determines that method would be effective in bringing the information to the attention of the parents of each student.</p> <p><i>Education Code 38.0025</i></p>