

Plumas Charter School
Communicable Disease Prevention Policy and Procedure
Board Adopted: 12/15/16

Communicable disease inspections may be conducted periodically at the school centers. A student suspected of having a communicable disease will be excluded from onsite school activities until guidelines for readmission are met. Guidelines for exclusion and readmission follow policies set forth by the state Department of Health and Department of Education. Guidance in addressing communicable diseases also comes from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and national organizations.

Onsite Exclusion Policy

Temporary exclusion of a student from onsite school activities generally occurs for communicable diseases, including, but not limited to, the following conditions: conjunctivitis (pink eye); skin infections (impetigo), strep throat, chickenpox, scabies, head lice, and pertussis (whooping cough). Exclusion may occur immediately or at the end of a class or activity, depending on the disease, its communicability and school, county and state policy. Readmission to onsite school activities is based on condition and appropriate treatment. **Any student excluded from onsite school activities with flu-like symptoms and/or a fever of 100 degrees or greater must be free from symptoms and fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school.** Any student excluded from onsite school activities due to the presence of head lice, must be free of live lice and nits before returning to school.

Parent Notification

An effort will be made to notify parents/guardians about school exposure to chickenpox, head lice, or other communicable disease that pose a risk to students. The parent/guardian of a student for whom chickenpox presents a particular hazard should contact the school registrar. Students at risk include those with conditions affecting the immune system and those receiving certain drugs for the treatment of cancers or organ transplants. Information on exposure, the treatment and prevention of head lice is available from the school.

Non-Immunized Exposure

Students who have been exposed to a communicable disease for which they have not been immunized may be excluded from onsite school activities at the discretion of the health department. A doctor may exempt your child from some or all immunizations (for example, due to a medical condition). School personnel are available for consultation.