

PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Policy: Communicable disease

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Approved by:

To ensure a healthy environment, the PCA School Nurse will dismiss any ill student who compromises their own health or the health of the school population to their parents/ guardians.

Students who have had diarrhea, vomiting, and/or a temperature over 100.4 degrees should be kept home until free from symptoms for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication (i.e. Acetaminophen, ibuprofen).

A child with a bacterial infection that can be spread to other children (strep throat, impetigo, etc.) must be on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Certain infectious diseases (see following page, or visit link below) must be reported to the Department of Public Health. If there is an outbreak of influenza or COVID-19, for example, daily or weekly reporting to the DPH must be performed by the School Nurse. Please call the DPH for guidance on daily/weekly reporting.

NH Department of Public Health
Business hours: 603-271-4496
After hours: 603-271-5300
Fax: 603-271-0545 *Do not fax HIV/AIDS reports*
Address: 40 Terrill Park Drive, Concord, NH

Resource: State of NH Reportable Infectious Diseases: [Microsoft Word - Reportable Disease Poster2016 Version 5 \(nh.gov\)](#)

The PCA Health Office will also notify known pregnant members of the staff/faculty when the following infectious diseases are present in the PCA community, recommending that the pregnant individuals contact their prenatal provider to determine if it is safe for them to be on campus for the duration of the outbreak; a general email will also be sent to all faculty/staff members so that other pregnant individuals who may not have openly shared their pregnancy are aware and informed:

Fifth Disease (parvovirus B19) - transmitted through respiratory secretions

Rubella - transmitted through respiratory secretions

Chickenpox (Varicella zoster) - transmitted through direct contact and respiratory secretions

