
REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

What is the law?

Under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act, 1983, as amended in 1990, Chapter 10, Section 28*, the principal of a school has a responsibility to report communicable diseases to the Medical Officer of Health. The full text of Section 28 is as follows:

28. The principal of a school, who is of the opinion that a pupil in the school has or may have a communicable disease, shall, as soon as possible after forming the opinion, report thereon to the Medical Officer of Health of the Health Unit in which the school is located.

What is the purpose of reporting?

A timely response with regards to the reporting of communicable diseases helps to prevent any further unnecessary spread amongst staff and students.

What diseases must I report?

Please refer to the Reportable Diseases List 2008.

Guidelines and Information on Childhood Communicable Diseases

Please refer to the table provided.

What information is required?

Report the following information by telephone:

- Type of Disease
- Name of Child, Date of Birth, Gender, Home Address and Telephone Number
- Family Physician

For further information, please call
York Region Health Services *Health Connection*
1-800-361-5653
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