



GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS REPORTING OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Communicable Disease Guidance

- The Department of Health (DOH) website contains Fact Sheets related to a variety of communicable diseases and health topics. These can be accessed on the website www.health.pa.gov under My Health, A – Z Health Topics.
- To avoid confusion and inappropriate recommendations, please contact your local DOH county State Health Center (SHC) before acting in response to a reported communicable disease. An alternative to your county SHC is your DOH District Office at 1-877-PA HEALTH (1-877-724-3258); a DOH representative is on-call 24 hours a day.
- The local SHC staff persons have access to DOH specialists and epidemiologists for consultation if needed.
- Guidance can be provided to schools regarding:
 - Disease information;
 - Appropriate letters and communications;
 - Identification of high risk individuals;
 - Appropriate action and treatment of those in both high and low risk situations;
 - On-going support and assistance.

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