

# St. Odilia School Policy and Information Manual

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## Communicable Diseases

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### Background/Rationale

The following policy statement was developed in cooperation with the Archdiocesan Catholic School Principals Association and the Minnesota Department of Health, with input from Mounds View Public Schools, the St. Paul School District, and the Roseville School District.

### Policy

The schools of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis have the obligation to provide students with a healthy environment and to protect the educational rights of students.

Procedures for inclusion or exclusion of students with communicable diseases from school will take into consideration the educational and health implication for the student and others with whom he/she comes in contact. The individual school of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis will adopt the most current guidelines established by the Minnesota Department of Family, Children, and Learning with which the Minnesota Department of Education concurs.

Educational decisions regarding a student with a serious communicable disease and his/her school placement and program will be made on an individual basis by a team which may consist of the school nurse, school administrator, parent, student's physician, and the student's primary teacher(s). Knowledge that a student has a communicable disease, but does not pose a risk to other students or staff, will be confined to those persons with a direct need to know.

The Commissioner's AIDS Task Force may be utilized where appropriate upon request of the school administrator and/or Pastor. Refer to the Parish Policy D-10 AIDS.

