

Poudre School District

Guidance for prevention of infection and illness at school and school activities

School site and health staff will communicate with PSD Custodial services, PSD Administration and Larimer County Department of Health and Environment (LCDHE), when a directive or Health Alert is issued by health department officials, or when illness or absence data are in one of the following categories:

- A daily absence rate that exceeds 10% or more of the school population, due to illness.
- Five or more students absent/reporting illness from the same group (for example--classroom, team, bus route)
- Staff illness/absenteeism of 10% or more due to illness

Some examples of target illnesses: Pertussis, Norovirus, Influenza, Enterovirus, other communicable diseases

1. Health Services

- a. The School Nurse will communicate with Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, Environmental Health Division to verify case diagnoses and information, and facilitate that notifications are distributed to the school community.

2. Custodial Services

- a. Will follow proper cleaning procedures and product use. They will determine if additional interventions are necessary.

3. School Administration

- a. Provide that recommended communication be sent to the school community- written or electronically
- b. Support attendance restrictions of involved students and staff as determined by the health department and school policy.
- c. Provide that prevention strategies are implemented at school, activities, athletics, and field trips

1. Hands should be washed frequently using soap and water and drying with disposable towels. Ensure that hand sinks are stocked with soap and towels at all times. Hand sanitizers should not replace hand washing.
2. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
4. Avoid close contact with sick people – no kissing, hugging
5. **Do not share drinks, utensils, water bottles, especially drinks at sport activities**
6. Staff and students that are ill with disruptive cough, vomiting or diarrhea should not attend school and should remain home until at least 24-48 hours after symptoms have resolved, **including Field Trips**.
7. If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home from school for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

Sites for state and local health information, updates, and alerts:

www.larimer.org/health

www.colorado.gov/cdphe