

## POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

SUBJECT	N.E.P.N. CODE
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	JLCC

### I. POLICY

The Louis Riel School Division holds as paramount the health and safety of students and staff.

Accordingly, the Division endorses responses to communicable diseases that

- strive to minimize the impact of communicable diseases on students and staff
- apply the most current and appropriate medical advice.

### II. GUIDELINES

1. Since common routes of transmission of communicable diseases include droplets and direct contact with body fluids (e.g., human bites), school staff shall treat all body fluids as potentially infectious and use appropriate procedures to avoid direct contact with such fluids.
2. The [Canadian Pediatric Society](#) will be used in all divisional schools and work places to determine responses to staff or students who are affected by a communicable disease.
3. To minimize risk, or as a preventative measure, it is recommended that all staff working with students who have a history of biting be immunized.
4. The Louis Riel School Division's protocol on [Managing Human Bites](#) and [Reducing Exposure to bloodborne and other bodily fluid pathogens](#) will be used as a guide when deemed necessary.

### III. PROCEDURES

1. To minimize the spread of communicable disease, school staff will adopt routine procedures and encourage students to do the same. This may include; hand washing, preventative practices, cleaning and disinfecting and disposal of materials.
2. The school/workplace supervisor shall administer the recommendations as per the [Canadian Pediatric Society](#).
3. School administrations shall contact the local Public Health Nurse when concerns exist about potential spread of infectious illness and encourage parents/guardians to report information regarding their children's health concerns to school personnel and/or the local Public Health Nurse, as appropriate.

<b>Adopted:</b>	May 17, 2005	<b>Legal References:</b> <a href="#">Canadian Pediatric Society</a> .
<b>Revised:</b>	June 4, 2019	

4. School administrations will access the [Managing Human Bites](#) protocol and the [Reducing Exposure to bloodborne and other bodily fluid pathogens](#) protocol when necessary for immunizations reimbursement or first aid procedures.

<b>Adopted:</b>	May 17, 2005	<b>Legal References:</b> <a href="#">Canadian Pediatric Society.</a>
<b>Revised:</b>	June 4, 2019	