PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROCEDURE FOR DEALING WITH POSSIBLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Procedure

Procedures for dealing with the following possible infectious diseases:

- Measles
- Meningococcal Infection
- Mumps
- Pertussis (Whooping Cough)
- Polio
- Rubella (German Measles)

1. Isolate unwell children should they get sick at school and send them home as soon as possible.
2. Notify **Office Staff** of possible illness threat.
3. Notify the Department of Health **immediately** on 1300 651 160.

If a child is suspected of having any of the above listed illnesses. Please call the department even if you believe a doctor has already done so.

- **Defer any action such as alerting parents, excluding other children or displaying signage until directed to do so by the department.**
- Find out child's name/grade/date of birth and possible illness involved. If possible, find out length of time the child has been showing symptoms and how many days they have attended school leading up to the illness.
- Consult list of Children without Immunisation Certificates to check which children may be at risk.
  Be aware of the immunisation status of the staff.

For Additional Information

http://ideas.health.vic.gov.au/guidelines/school-exclusion-table.asp

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.
This statement was endorsed by the College Council: 2018

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