

ALL PERSONNEL

Employees With Infectious Disease

The Superintendent desires to promote the health of students and staff in order to reduce absenteeism and enhance employee and student performance. The Superintendent or designee shall develop strategies to prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases at schools and in County Office programs.

An infectious disease is one that is caused by a microorganism and is potentially transmittable to another individual, whether through airborne transmission, bloodborne transmission, skin-to-skin contact, foodborne transmission, or other casual or noncasual means. A communicable infectious disease, such as influenza or chicken pox, is contagious and can be readily transmitted by infectious bacteria or viral organisms.

In accordance with law, job applicants shall be required to provide evidence that they are free of tuberculosis or any other communicable infectious disease prior to beginning employment. (cf. 4132 - Health Examinations)

To prevent the outbreak or spread of infectious diseases, the Superintendent or designee may provide infection prevention supplies and information to employees, including information about recommended vaccinations. Employees also shall observe universal precautions to avoid contact with potentially infectious blood or other bodily fluids.

The Superintendent or designee shall immediately report to the local health officer the presence or suspected presence of any communicable infectious disease. In addition, a school nurse or other health care provider who knows of or is in attendance on a case or suspected case of any of the diseases or conditions listed in 17 CCR 2500 shall make a report to the local health officer. If no health care provider is in attendance, any individual having knowledge of a person who is suspected to be suffering from one of the specified diseases or conditions may make a report to the local health officer. (17 CCR 2500, 2508)

Nondiscrimination/Reasonable Accommodation

The shall not discriminate against any employee or job applicant who has an infectious disease that meets the federal or state definition of a disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act, California Fair Employment and Housing Act, or Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act. (Government Code 12900-12996; 29 USC 794; 42 USC 12101-12213) (cf. AR 4110 - Nondiscrimination in Employment)

Upon request, any qualified person with a disability shall be provided reasonable accommodation to perform the essential duties of his/her position in accordance with the criteria and processes described in AR 4032 - Reasonable Accommodations. (cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)

Legal references appear on next page.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination

44839.5 Requirements for employment of retiree

49406 Examination for tuberculosis (employees)

CIVIL CODE

56-56.37 Confidentiality of medical information

GOVERNMENT CODE

12900-12996 Fair Employment and Housing Act

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120975-121020 Mandated blood testing and confidentiality to protect public health

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

7293.5-7294.2 Discrimination based on disability

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502-5504 Medical certification

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

2500 Reportable diseases and conditions

2508 Reporting of communicable diseases; duty of schools

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 29

794 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 42

12101-12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

COURT DECISIONS

Chevron USA v. Echazabal, (2002) 536 U.S. 73, 122 S.Ct. 2045

School Board of Nassau County, Florida v. Arline, (1987) 408 U.S. 273

Management Resources:

CSBA PUBLICATIONS

H1N1 Influenza (Swine Flu), Fact Sheet, April 2009

Pandemic Influenza, Fact Sheet, September 2007

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLICATIONS

California HIV/AIDS Laws, 2009, January 2010

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

Enforcement Guidance: Reasonable Accommodation and Undue Hardship under the Americans with Disabilities Act, October 2002

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

California School Nurses Organization: <http://www.csno.org>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: <http://www.eeoc.gov>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: <http://www.hhs.gov>

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