

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION**

The County Board of Education recognizes its shared responsibility with the home and the community to promote appropriate disease prevention procedures in the handling and the cleaning up of blood and bodily fluids.

The County Board desires to protect the entire school community without segregation, discrimination or stigma. Accordingly, infectious disease prevention shall be taught regardless of whether a student or adult is known to have an identified infectious disease.

All students and employees shall be provided appropriate periodic instruction in basic procedures recommended by the State Department of Education and other public health agencies and associations.

OSHA regulations require that employees at high risk of exposure receive training in how to handle exposure to blood and bodily fluids. New high risk employees should receive training prior to beginning employment. Refer to the *MCOE Bloodborne Pathogens Control Plan* and/or the *MCOE Control of Infectious Diseases in the Classroom and Work Setting: A Procedures Manual*) available in the Administrative Services Department.

**Injuries and Accidents**

Whenever exposed to blood or other bodily fluids through injury or accident, students and staff should follow the latest medical protocol for disinfecting procedures.

*Legal Reference:*

EDUCATION CODE

*49403 Cooperation in control of communicable disease and immunization of pupils*

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17

*2500-2508 Communicable disease reporting requirements*