

**TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL CENTRE FOR EDUCATION
POLICY and PROCEDURES**

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No. 744 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	March 13, 1996	March 30, 2004 February 6, 2018	2

It is the policy of the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education to adopt measures to reduce exposure to communicable diseases in our schools.

PROCEDURE under Policy No **744**

1. Any contagious disease, which can pose a serious health problem, shall be dealt with promptly by the school principal or designate who will advise the Regional Executive Director of Education or designate and the Tri-County Regional Centre for Education's Occupational Health and Safety Officer.
2. There is no obligation for schools to report any particular illness or disease to the Public Health Department, as that is the responsibility of Doctors and Laboratories. It is necessary, however, to report absentee rates of greater than 10% to the Public Health Department.
3. A good reference for guidance regarding various illnesses and appropriate responses to them is the Canadian Pediatric Society. Their website can be found at:

<http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/>



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please be advised that there have been individuals who have presented with symptoms and signs of _____ at _____ School. In consultation with Tri-County Regional Centre for Education Staff, we feel it would be beneficial to provide all parents and guardians with information concerning _____.

Attached you will find an information sheet from Public Health Services regarding _____ that contains possible symptoms and treatment options. Public Health has also indicated that once students have undergone the appropriate treatment regime they are fine to return to school. You can also visit <http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca> for more information regarding _____.

Please keep in mind that the best prevention of spreading any communicable disease is regular hand washing and appropriate housekeeping procedures.

If you have any questions, please contact your family physician or the Yarmouth office of Public Health Services at 902-742-7141.