



Pathway for Communication for Student Health Related Illnesses Communicable/Non-Communicable September 2016

Please use this pathway when you have:

- Absences over 10%
(See page 2 for reporting link)
- Child or children who present with illness of concern
- Parents requesting information from school about illnesses

Principal or School Personnel Contacts ANY local health unit and asks for the **DUTY NURSE**

Esquimalt	250-519-5311
Outer Gulf Is.	250-539-3099
Peninsula	250-544-2400
Saanich	250-519-5100

Salt Spring Is.	250-538-4880
Sooke	250-642-5464
Victoria	250-388-2200
West Shore	250-519-3490

Duty Nurse will:

- Request further information and assess situation as described by the school
- Notify the Communicable Disease (CD) Program if appropriate. A nurse will call school back with instructions if required
- Provide further resources as requested

If Duty Nurse is unable to answer call immediately :

- Leave message with your Name, the Name of the School, and the general concern
- Contact number where you and one other individual can be reached

While the School is waiting to receive direction from Public Health they should:

- Ensure confidentiality of child and family by not discussing with other parents. Advise relevant staff only as needed
- Have the ill child rest in the medical room
- Inform parents asking for information that the school is awaiting direction from Island Health and parents will be advised as needed
- Please do not speculate on what the child or children may have (ie, Avoid saying “there is Norovirus or Chickenpox in the school” unless directed to do so by Island Health)
- If required, Island Health will direct school staff as to what letters or information should be shared with families



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Additional resources:

- BCCDC Quick Guide to Common Childhood Illnesses, May 2009 http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/Other/Epid_GF_childhood_quickguide_may_09.pdf
- List of Reportable Communicable Diseases in BC, July 2009 http://www.bccdc.ca/resource-gallery/Documents/Guidelines%20and%20Forms/Guidelines%20and%20Manuals/Epid/Other/Epid_Guidelines_reportable_diseases_British_Columbia_July2009.pdf
- Absences over 10% online reporting form available at <http://viha.fluidsurveys.com/s/CD-School-Absenteeism-SI/>