



# STONE VALLEY COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOL

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## POLICY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**Title:** Communicable Diseases and Immunizations

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### PURPOSE

To ensure that student's health and well-being are safeguarded.

### AUTHORITY

22 PA Code 12.41

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases, the Board requires that established policy and administrative regulations be followed by students, parents/guardians and staff.

### GUIDELINES

#### Immunizations

All students shall be immunized against specific diseases in accordance with state law and regulations, unless specifically exempt for religious or medical reasons.

A certificate of immunization shall be maintained as part of the health record for each student, as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

A student who has not been immunized in accordance with state regulations shall not be admitted to or permitted to attend the Charter School, unless exempted for medical or religious reasons or provisionally admitted by the Director of Education.

A student shall be exempt from immunization requirements if their parent/guardian objects in writing to such immunizations on religious grounds or whose physician certifies that the student's physical condition contraindicates immunization.

Monitoring of immunization requirements shall be the responsibility of the school nurse.

The School Nurse or designee shall:

1. Annually review state standards for immunization and direct the responsible district personnel accordingly.
2. Ensure that parents/guardians are informed prior to a student's admission to school of the requirements for immunization, the requisite proof of immunization, exemption available for religious or medical reasons, and means by which such exemptions may be claimed.

The School Nurse or designee shall report immunization data on the required form to the Department of Health by October 15 of each year.

#### Communicable Diseases

The Board authorizes that students who have been diagnosed by a physician or are suspected of having a disease by the school nurse shall be excluded from school for the period indicated by regulations of the Department of Health for certain specified diseases and infectious conditions.

The school nurse shall report the presence of suspected communicable diseases to the appropriate local health authority, as required by the Department of Health.

The Director of Education shall direct that health guidelines and universal precautions designed to minimize the transmission of communicable diseases be implemented in the Charter School.

#### Health Records

A comprehensive health record shall be maintained for each student enrolled in the Charter School. The record shall include the results of required tests, measurements, screenings, regular and special examinations, and medical questionnaires.

All health records shall be confidential, and their contents shall be divulged only when necessary for the health of the student or to a physician at the written request of the parent/guardian.

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