



Communicable Disease Plan

A communicable disease is an infectious disease that is spread from one person to another by direct contact with an affected individual or by direct contact with an individual's discharges.

This document outlines Carbon School District's response to a credible threat of a communicable disease epidemic.

Prevention:

- As an entity specifically created for the purpose of educating students, we believe education is an appropriate response to many situations including the threat of a potential communicable disease epidemic.
- Schools will ensure that all students are instructed regarding how communicable diseases are transmitted from one person to another.
- Schools will ensure that all students are instructed on the proper and effective way to wash their hands and other measures to avoid contagions such as not touching the face with the hands.
- Schools will have a supply of surgical masks available.
- Other sanitizing equipment and supplies will be available at each school.
- Custodial staff will place a high priority on the sanitation of commonly touched surfaces such as drinking fountains, desk tops, door knobs, light switches, etc...

When a credible threat of a communicable disease epidemic surfaces (multiple cases in Utah and/or cases in Carbon County):

- Cancellation of extracurricular or community events with large groups coming together such as sporting events, concerts, etc...
- Castle Valley Center students are at an increased risk and are often in more fragile states. Therefore, cancellation of school at Castle Valley Center would be an early action.
- Carbon School District will work to obtain an accurate list of students and staff who are experiencing symptoms (such as respiratory issues).
 - These students and staff members would be excluded from attending school.
 - Students excluded for this reason will be provided the option of attending school virtually on a case by case basis.
- Carbon School District will report all actions and information to the Southeast Utah Health Department.
 - In consultation with the Health Department the number of infected people at each building will be considered and decisions about further actions, including school cancellation, will be made cooperatively.
- In the event that school is cancelled, Carbon School District may institute a virtual school day. This means that students who are able, must attend class from home via the internet. Details regarding virtual days have not yet been determined.

Carbon School District will communicate actions through carbonschools.org, FaceBook and Thrillshare.