



315 South Harrison Drive, Corydon, IN 47112 • Phone (812) 738-2168 • Fax (812) 738-2158

Dr. Mark A. Eastridge
Superintendent

To: All School Personnel

From: Dr. Mark Eastridge, Superintendent

Date: January 20, 2016

Re: Plan in Response to Outbreak of Certain Communicable Diseases

Much like safety drills and crisis plans, the South Harrison Community School Corporation (SHCSC) must have a plan in response to a communicable disease outbreak (most commonly measles, mumps, rubella and chickenpox). Such an outbreak is declared by the health department within each county. This memorandum serves to provide guidance to you concerning this matter.

During a declared outbreak, school staff members must be excluded from school and school-related activities until the disease-specific immunity requirements have been met. The length of the outbreak and thus the possible duration of exclusion period (commonly twenty-one days) are dependent upon the determination of the health department, not the school or the school corporation.

The disease-specific immunity requirements may be satisfied in several manners. The first is by your year of birth. The guidelines for immunity based upon year of birth for adults born in the United States for measles and mumps is birth prior to 1957 and for chickenpox is birth prior to 1980. If you do not meet any of the year of birth requirements, then you will need to be prepared to provide either documentation of immunizations or results of lab work (known as titers) indicating your immunity to the specified disease. SHCSC has determined that it is the responsibility of the staff member to maintain this information and to provide it upon request to avoid being excluded from school and school-related activities.

If you are excluded, you will be permitted to use your accumulated sick and/or personal days during the exclusion period. However, upon exhaustion of sick and/or personal days, you will be not be compensated for the time missed. Please note that if you are a staff member that also receives vacation days, these days will not be permissible for you to utilize in the event of your exclusion for failure to provide documentation of the disease-specific immunity requirements as requested.

Often, immunization information may be obtained from your primary health care provider (or obstetrician if prenatal lab work was completed), parents, or high school of attendance. If you do not have this information, then you may request the lab work (titers) or immunizations from your physician. The Harrison County Health Department provides immunization series (two immunizations per series) at the following costs: MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) \$122 and Varicella (chickenpox) for \$214. All costs incurred are the responsibility of the staff member.

Please direct questions you may have regarding this to your school administrator or school nurse.

The mission of South Harrison Community School Corporation is to create an environment which develops, nurtures and reinforces the success of students as well as all people served by the corporation. Further, through the shared involvement of home, community and school, our purpose is to develop and provide quality work to prepare each student to think, reason and participate in a diverse society as a lifelong, self-directed learner.

*An Equal Opportunity
Employer*