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OBJECT: INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE SCHOOLS

Infectious diseases are common at school and can have an impact on health. Certain infectious diseases are contagious and can be transmitted from one person to another.

INFORM THE SCHOOL!

- ◆ If your child is ill, **you must justify their absence in Mozaik:** <https://portailparents.ca/accueil/en/>. **If you take them to the doctor, ask whether your child has a contagious disease; if so, please inform the school (see the list of diseases on page 2).** The school nurse will be informed and, if necessary, will contact you for more information as well as to answer your questions.
- ◆ **If your child is ill, they must stay home until they are able to participate in school activities.** For certain contagious diseases, the child's return must be delayed until the end of the contagious period.
- ◆ If your child has a special medical condition such as immunosuppression, pulmonary or heart disease, please ask your doctor if they are at higher risk for certain contagious diseases and advise the school administration. The school nurse will be informed and will let you know if a case is reported at school.

VACCINATION AND HYGIENE: THE BEST MEANS OF PREVENTION

Vaccination is the best way to prevent certain diseases. As parents, you are responsible for having your child vaccinated.

- ◆ Your child should have received vaccines against diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, German measles, mumps, *Haemophilus influenzae* type B, meningococcus serogroup C and chickenpox (if he has not already had this disease after one year of age).
- ◆ Quebec Vaccination Program also specifies that boys and girls in Grade 4 of elementary school receive, during the year, the following vaccines:
 - the vaccine against Hepatitis B even though the product used also comprises a protection against Hepatitis A
 - the vaccine against Human Papilloma Virus
- ◆ For children suffering from certain diseases, other vaccines might be required. For further information, consult your clinic or your CLSC to make sure that your child's vaccination is up to date.
- ◆ Hygienic measures are also important to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. Proper hand washing, using paper tissue when coughing or sneezing (or coughing and sneezing into your sleeve or upper arm), avoiding sharing personal objects, covering wounds with a dressing, and taking proper measures to avoid contact with blood from another person are simple and effective actions that everyone can take.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Colleen Lauzier
Principal

LIST OF DISEASES TO BE REPORTED TO THE SCHOOL

- ◆ Conjunctivitis
- ◆ Pertussis (whooping cough)
- ◆ Erythema infectiosum (5th disease)
- ◆ Scabies
- ◆ Gastroenteritis
- ◆ Hepatitis A
- ◆ Impetigo
- ◆ Mumps
- ◆ Oxyuriasis (Pinworm)
- ◆ Pediculosis (lice)
- ◆ Measles
- ◆ German measles
- ◆ Tinea capitis or corporis (Ringworm)
- ◆ Scarlet fever or pharyngitis with streptococcus of the group A
- ◆ Chickenpox