

INSTITUTIONAL DIRECTIVE 8-25

March 27, 2006

Title: Communicable Disease (Students)

I. Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to set forth policy and procedure for handling cases of suspected exposure of students to a communicable disease.

II. Policy

It is the policy of Piedmont Technical College to insure the safety of all students. The college follows the established rules and guidelines of the State Board of Health Regulations.

III. Definition

For the purposes of this directive, communicable disease shall include, but not be limited to:

Chicken Pox	Ringworm
German Measles	Scabies
Hepatitis B	Trachoma, Granulated lids or acute conjunctivitis
Impetigo	Tuberculosis
Lice	Whooping Cough
Measles	
Mumps	

IV. Procedures and Responsibilities

- A. If any student has knowledge of having a communicable disease or having been exposed to a communicable disease, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the Vice President of Student Development.
- B. If a faculty member suspects a student of having a health condition which could possibly be communicated to others, the Vice President of Student Development should be notified immediately. The student may be excluded from the campus until an appropriate assessment of the student's medical condition can be made.
- C. The assessment of a student with a suspected communicable disease and the determination of a student's ability to remain at school will be made by the President after a preliminary consultation with the Vice President of Student Development, based upon recommendation from local health authorities.

Office of Responsibility: Vice President for Student Development

- D. If the President feels that the situation poses a real threat to the college or the community at large, he will notify the Public Health Authority of all known details and seek their advice and council.
- E. Under provision of South Carolina Code 44-29-200, the President will prohibit the attendance of any student until a satisfactory certificate is obtained from one or more licensed physicians and the Public Health Authority stating that such attendance is no longer a risk to others at the college.
- F. Under all circumstances, the individual's right of privacy will be protected. Only those individuals who are directly involved with the student(s) daily activities will be notified concerning the presence of a communicable disease.

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