

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS REGARDING PRACTICES INVOLVING STUDENT
EXPOSURE TO BLOOD-BORNE PATHOGENS

Dear Parent:

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment. The District has implemented measures to protect those students who may be exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids in the school environment and/or during their participation in school-related activities.

While the incidents of students being exposed to blood-borne pathogens may be low, the District wants to notify parents that there may be situations where it would be helpful for their child's blood to be tested for HBV and HIV. Neither State nor Federal law require parents or guardians to authorize the examination of their child's blood, however, in the event of exposure to another student, the District will contact parents to advise them to have their child's blood tested by a family physician or other health practitioner. The exposed student's parents will also be asked to ensure that the child is provided with any and all necessary postexposure treatment, if so required by the child's physician. In turn, the District will also contact the parents of the student causing the exposure to advise them to have their child's blood tested by a family physician or other health practitioner. Both students' parents will be asked to provide a copy of the test results (and any postexposure treatment in the case of an exposed student) for maintenance in the student's educational record in accordance with Federal and State laws concerning confidentiality.

By providing you with this notice in advance, it is our hope that you will better understand the reason for such request and take the opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and the District sincerely hopes that through proper precautions and cooperation, we can prevent them from spreading.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the principal at 419-289-3313 or 1-800-686-3313.

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