Communicable Diseases

Do Schools need to comply?

Yes, if students or staff at your school have communicable diseases.

Conditions of compliance:

If students or staff contract designated communicable diseases they should be excluded from school for the period.

If you have to comply, what do you have to do?

You should comply with the detailed instructions contained in the current edition of “You’ve Got What?” published by the Department of Health. This is available online (see link below).

What are the consequences if you don’t comply?

You may be in breach of your duty of care if students at your school contract a communicable disease if you have not followed the recommended exclusion policies. This could lead to litigation.

Useful links:


South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (SA)

Public Health SA