

# Idaho School Closure Policies and Procedures

## Idaho Statute information

Found at <http://www3.state.id.us/cgi-bin/newidst?sctid=330050012.K>.

- **Idaho Statute §33-512(7)**

The board of trustees of each school district shall have the following powers and duties:

(7) To exclude from school, pupils with contagious or infectious diseases who are diagnosed or suspected as having a contagious or infectious disease or those who are not immune and have been exposed to a contagious or infectious disease; and to close school on order of the state board of health or local health authorities.

- **Idaho Statute §67-5506: Post-Attack Resource Management Act**

(a) Following an attack, the governor, if he finds such action necessary to deal with danger to the public safety caused thereby or to aid in the post-attack recovery or rehabilitation of the United States or any part thereof, shall declare by order the existence of a post-attack recovery and rehabilitation emergency. Any such order shall be ineffectual, unless the legislature is then in session or the governor simultaneously issues an order convening the legislature in special session within forty-five (45) days.

(b) During the period when the order issued pursuant to subsection (a) of this section is in force, or during the continuance of any emergency declared by the president of the United States or the congress calling for post-attack recovery and rehabilitation activities, subject to the limitations set forth in this act, and in a manner consistent with any rules, regulations, or orders and policy guidance issued by the federal government, the governor may issue, amend and enforce rules, regulations, and order to:

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(2) prescribe and direct activities in connection with but not limited to use, conservation, salvage, and prevention of waste of materials, services, and facilities, including production, transportation, power, and communication facilities, training and supply of labor, utilization of industrial plants, health and medical care, nutrition, housing, including the use of existing and private facilities, rehabilitation, education, welfare, child care, recreation, consumer protection, and other essential civil needs; ...

## Rules and Regulations Governing Idaho Reportable Diseases

Found at <http://adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/rules/idapa16/0210.pdf>.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.015(5)**

The Director or an authorized representative may order the closing of any public, parochial, or private school, or other place of public assembly when, in his or her opinion, such closing is necessary to protect public health. The school or other place of public assembly shall not reopen until permitted by the authorized health official.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.03(a)**

School reportable and restrictable diseases are those diseases that are readily transmissible among students and staff in schools.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.03(d)**

Any person who is diagnosed to have a school restrictable disease must not engage, as long as the disease is in a communicable stage, in any occupation that involves direct contact with students in a private, parochial charter, or public school.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.03(e)**

Any person who is diagnosed with or reasonably suspected to have a school restrictable disease must not attend a private, parochial, charter, or public school as long as the disease is in a communicable stage.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.03(f)**

A licensed physician, public health nurse, school nurse or other person authorized by the Department may determine when a person with a school restrictable disease can no longer transmit the disease to others.

- **IDAPA 16.02.10.03(g)**

A school administrator must report the closure of any public, parochial, charter, or private school within in one (1) working day when, in his opinion, such closing is related to a communicable disease.”