

Chapter H 49

GENERAL REGULATIONS ON COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

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H 49.01 School attendance. (1) All teachers, school authorities and health officers having jurisdiction shall not permit the attendance in any private, parochial or public school of any pupil afflicted with a severe cough, a severe cold, itch, scabies, lice, or other vermin, ringworm, impetigo, epidemic jaundice, Vincent's angina (trench mouth), infectious conjunctivis (pink eye), or any contagious skin disease, or who is filthy in body or clothing, or who has any communicable disease so designated by the state board of health unless specifically exempted in the rules. The teachers in all schools shall, without delay, send home any pupil who is obviously sick even if the ailment is unknown, and said teacher shall inform the parents or guardians of said pupil and also the local health officer as speedily as possible, and said health officer shall examine into the case and take such action as is reasonable and necessary for the benefit of the pupils and to prevent the spread of infection.

(2) Parents, guardians or other persons having control of any child who is sick in any way, or who is afflicted with any disease covered by this rule, shall not permit said child to attend any public, private or parochial school or to be present in any public place.

H 49.02 Exclusion from school, assemblages and public conveyances. No person suffering from any communicable disease so designated by the state board of health shall be admitted to any public, parochial or private school, college or Sunday school, or shall enter any theatre, assemblage, or railway car, street car, vessel or steamer, or other public conveyance, except as specifically provided in the communicable disease rules.

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H 49.03 Books not to be taken into infected homes. (1) Schoolbooks or books from public or circulating libraries shall not be taken into any house placarded for communicable disease and if schoolbooks or library books have already been taken in such house they shall be destroyed by the owner or library authorities or thoroughly disinfected.

(2) Disinfection of books—In cases where it is desirable to disinfect books which may have become infected with dangerous communicable disease the following requirements must be followed:

(a) Library books which have been in a placarded home should be withheld from circulation for a period of 15 days and so arranged each day that the sunlight can reach the maximum number of surfaces.

- (b) Books used by a tubercular person should either be destroyed or withheld from circulation for at least one month and during this time kept standing in the sunlight opened so that the rays of the sun can reach the maximum number of pages. Surfaces should be changed from day to day. Time and sunlight are recommended as the best means to accomplish the destruction of infectious material deposited upon books.

H 49.10 Sale of milk and dairy products from infected home restricted. The sale or use of milk and dairy products from a place where cholera (Asiatic), diphtheria, plague, smallpox, respiratory streptococcal infections (including scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat), typhoid fever, paratyphoid fever, or other salmonella disease is found to exist is strictly forbidden unless the milk is handled, milk utensils washed and stock cared for and the product transported by persons disassociated from the infected individual. The adequacy of such disassociation shall be determined by the local health officer or the state board of health. The handling by the infected person of milk or milk products for sale, or stock, equipment or other utensils used to produce such products is forbidden under any circumstances.

H 49.15 Release cultures. Where release cultures are required in communicable diseases, such cultures shall be examined in a laboratory approved by the state board of health for such purposes.

H 49.20 Transporting cases. When it is necessary to transport a person suffering with a dangerous communicable disease from one town, village or city to another, the consent of the health officer where the patient lives and also the health officer of the town, village or city to which the patient will be transported must first be obtained. Transportation must be made by private conveyance and proper precautions exercised to prevent needless exposure of all persons who may come in contact with the patient during transit.

H 49.25 Mail in placarded home. No mail or other materials shall be sent from a placarded home unless such mail or materials have been prepared and disinfected under the direction of the local health officer.