

	<b>NEPN Code: JLCC/STI</b>
<b>Policies and Regulations</b>	

**Students**

**Communicable/Infectious Diseases**

Southeast Technical Institute recognizes its responsibility to provide a healthy environment for students and school employees.

**School Attendance**

The determination of whether an infected or potentially infected student is excluded from the classroom or institute activities and how the student’s needs will be met shall be made on a case by case basis, under the direction of STI administration.

Consideration regarding the need to exclude a student from the institute shall include the characteristics of the contagious disease, the medical condition of the student, and expected interaction with others in the classroom setting. If additional information is needed, consultation with medical care providers, the State Health Department, Center for Disease Control, and/or other experts may be necessary.

If STI has reasonable cause to believe that a student is an infected individual, additional medical information may be needed before the student may return to school.

**Confidentiality**

Information will not be revealed to the public about a student who may have a communicable disease. Appropriate information will be provided to school employees and/or the public if the potential for communicability is a factor.

## **Infection Control**

Employees are required to follow infection control practices where all body fluids are treated as if they are contaminated. Equipment and supplies needed to apply universal precautions will be provided.

If a situation occurs at the institute in which a student might have been exposed to an infectious agent, such as an instance of blood-to-blood contact, STI administration shall inform the student (and parents/guardians, if the student is under the age of 18,) to seek medical advice.

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