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**COMMUNICABLE, CONTAGIOUS, OR INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION POLICY**

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Sage Oak Charter Schools (“SOCS” or the “Charter School”) recognizes its shared responsibility with the home and the community to promote appropriate disease prevention procedures in the handling and the cleaning up of blood and bodily fluids.

The Charter School desires to protect the entire school community without segregation, discrimination, or stigma. Accordingly, infectious disease prevention shall be taught regardless of whether a student or adult is known to have an identified infectious disease.

All employees shall be provided appropriate periodic instruction in basic procedures recommended by the California Department of Education and other public health agencies and associations.

Incidence and transmission of communicable diseases will be further limited through a rigorous program of immunization and health screening required of all students, faculty, and staff, as per state requirements. Students found to have communicable diseases will be included in all activities deemed by a physician to present no hazard of infection to other students.

**Immunizations**

All enrolled students and staff will be required to provide records documenting immunizations as is required at public schools pursuant to applicable state and federal regulations including the Health and Safety Code Sections 120325-120375, and Title 17, California Code of Regulations Sections 6000-6075.

The school shall not unconditionally admit any pupil unless, prior to his or her first admission to the school, he or she has been fully immunized. This section does not apply to a pupil in a home-based independent study program pursuant to Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 51745) of Chapter 5 of Part 28 of the Education Code and does not receive classroom-based instruction.

All rising 7<sup>th</sup> grade students must meet state-mandated immunization requirements. (See “Immunization Policy”)

**Science Laboratory Instruction**

Students involved in science laboratory experiences shall be protected from contamination from bodily fluids of other persons and from contaminated instruments. Whenever possible, laboratory experiences involving bodily fluids will be conducted by way of teacher demonstration rather than by student participation. In the case that students will be participating in wet lab activities/experiments students will receive applicable training.

**Injuries and Accidents**

Whenever exposed to blood or other bodily fluids through injury or accident, students and staff should follow the latest medical protocol for disinfecting procedures. Employees of SOCS are trained annually on Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Prevention.