

In light of the integral role that the Idaho Art Charter School (IACS) plays in protecting the health and safety of its employees, students, and their families, and the resource that its facilities may provide in the community, the Board of Directors (the Board) adopts this policy regarding readiness and response to emergency situations in the local community, such as an influenza pandemic, or other health emergency, or a state or national emergency.

LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Administrator will appoint a designee(s) to act as the liaison with the local district health department relative to state and regional planning to provide for the health and safety of the citizenry in times of a health emergency. As determined appropriate, IACS personnel will participate in necessary training as made available by state and regional agencies.

The Administrator will appoint a designee or designees to act as the liaison(s) with state and local law enforcement personnel and/or public safety officials to provide for the safety and security of students, IACS personnel, and patrons in times of a state or national emergency as declared by the Governor or President.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Administrator or designee(s) will prepare an emergency plan to address the potential contingencies that may occur in such emergencies. The Board will approve the emergency plan and review it annually.

The emergency plan will address the ongoing operation of IACS during an emergency and will allow IACS to coordinate response efforts with local and regional agencies. The components of the emergency plan will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Continuity of educational programs;
2. Alternative means for continuing educational programs, in the event of school closure;
3. Continuity of extracurricular programs, if appropriate;
4. Continuity of essential operations, such as, but not limited to, payroll and the supply of necessary utilities, including drinking water and sanitation;
5. Effective communications with students, parents, and employees, ensuring language, culture, and reading level appropriateness in communications;
6. Effective infection prevention procedures to help limit the spread of disease;

7. First aid/nursing/counseling services for those who become ill or are otherwise impacted while at school;
8. Use of IACS facilities by state and regional agencies;
9. Reporting absenteeism to the local district health department, as may be required; and
10. Provide for the security of school facilities.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/schoolchecklist.html>

Idaho Pandemic Influenza Response (Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare, March 2006)

ADOPTED: December 10, 2012

AMENDED: