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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Notifiable Disease Law

In partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) wants to inform you of the Notifiable Disease Law described in the *Alabama Code 1975* by Title 22, Chapter 10, and §22-11A-2. The Notifiable Disease Law requires all school principals and nurses to report notifiable diseases, including “outbreaks of any kind,” to the ADPH within 24 hours of diagnosis. Once notified, the ADPH will investigate to determine the source of the outbreak.

To learn more about the school’s responsibilities with regard to notifiable conditions, including outbreaks, please go online to www.adph.org/epi or contact your ADPH Field Surveillance staff to schedule an in-person presentation.

Thank you in advance for your compliance with Alabama’s Notifiable Disease Law and cooperation with the ADPH to ensure the health of our students. If you have any questions regarding notifiable diseases, outbreaks, or the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), please contact the Epidemiology Division at (800) 338-8374 or via e-mail epidemiology@adph.state.al.us.

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cc: Principals
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