

OVERVIEW

The procedures for the Sexual Health unit for Virtual Teaching & Learning are different from usual procedures. COMAR requires that parents/guardians are able to preview the curriculum before deciding if they would like their child excluded from the unit. Teachers provide alternate instruction for excluded students and ensure that excluded students do not have access to the Sexual Health unit materials or assignments.

Read through [Sexual Health Unit Procedures](#)

..., including exclusion communication linked to the document. Make a note of any questions you have about these procedures prior to the synchronous training.

RESOURCES

COMAR Guidelines

Important Information

The Sexual Health unit is governed by the principle of "Passive Permission." This means that, unless the family/guardian requests the **exclusion** of the student, the student is automatically included in instruction about this topic.

In order to provide families/guardians with the opportunity to exclude their student from the Sexual Health unit, families must be provided with a letter and exclusion form, as well as a copy of all unit objectives.

Families may choose to exclude their student only from the **entire unit**, not from specific lessons. So, for example, if a family wants their student to learn only about the female reproductive system and not the male, their child would need to be completely excluded from the unit.

Families will preview the instructional materials using the links on the Sexual Health Family Communication document.

Resources

[COMAR Comprehensive Health Education Instructional Programs for Grades Prekindergarten — 12](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/13a/13a.04.18.01.htm) [_ \(http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/13a/13a.04.18.01.htm\)](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/comarhtml/13a/13a.04.18.01.htm)

Responding to Family Concerns

Remember

It is your job to present the approved curriculum. If families/guardians have concerns about the curriculum, refer them to the Office of Health Education.

[Sexual Health Talking Points](#)

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[Common Family Questions/Concerns](#)

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QUICK CHECK

Quick Check

Families have the option to exclude students from specific lessons in the sexual health unit.

- True
- False

 Correct! Students may only be excused from the entire Sexual Health unit since information from lessons may be discussed throughout the unit.

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