

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Teachers will be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer students who show such symptoms to the school nurse.

All students under quarantine will be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Bureau of Health will be observed. The school nurse will be responsible for notifying the local health department of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Department of Education rules. The building administrator will be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

Students who have other types of communicable diseases will be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or will observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the school physician.

When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease, a certificate from the attending physician/practitioner declaring the student is fit to return to school is required. The building administrator and/or the school nurse must give permission before the student is readmitted to class.

Legal Reference: 5 MRSA § 19201 et seq.
20-A MRSA §§ 1001.11-A, 6301
22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824

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