

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

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

The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the Maine Center for Disease Control (CDC) of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Department of Education and Department of Health and Human Services rules. The principal shall be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school. The principal will update the Executive Director on any cases and contacts in the school. Regulations established by the CDC regarding communicable diseases shall be observed.

Students who have other types of contagious diseases shall be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the school health advisor. Students who are excluded from school shall also be excluded from all school sponsored activities. Learners will be provided school work and access to educational and social/emotional support while they are excluded from school.

The principal, in consultation with the school nurse (and school physician as needed) must give permission before the student is readmitted to school after having been excluded as described above due to a reportable communicable/infectious disease. They may determine, based upon circumstances, that this return requires a physician's note of clearance before the student can return.

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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