

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Staff shall be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer children who are showing such symptoms to the school nurse.

All students under quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Regulations established by the Maine Center for Disease Control or from the Department of Education or Governor's office will be observed. The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying the Maine CDC of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Department of Education rules. The building administrator shall be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

Children who have other types of communicable diseases shall be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the Maine CDC. Every effort to collaborate and inform staff, the community and related agencies will be made in the spirit of attempting to control further outbreak of any disease.

Communication between the school nurse or building principal and the Maine CDC or attending physician must be documented prior to the return of school of any child who has been diagnosed with a reportable communicable disease. The communication may be verbal and documented and should express that the child is no longer at risk for transmitting the illness. Final approval for re-admittance to class will be given by the school nurse or building principal.

Legal Reference: Title 5, MRSA, Sec. 19201 et seq.
 Title 22, MRSA, Sec. 801, 802, 806, 823, 824, 1016
 Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 1001
 Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 6301(2) The school administration may communicate with parents and/or exclude any student who poses a public health threat.
 Title 20-A MRSA, Sec. 6301(11-A)*
 Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 6351A
 Title 20-A, MRSA, Sec. 6551

Cross Reference: [School Health Manual Guidelines for communicable disease in school setting](#)
[Policy JLCB Immunization Requirements for Students](#)

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*11-A. Exposure to communicable disease. They shall adopt a policy for enforcement by the superintendent to safeguard the health of any student or employee who has contracted or been exposed to a communicable disease, in accordance with sections 6301, 6351-A and 6551, and Title 22, chapter 251. [1983, c. 661, §2 (NEW).]