

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 and Prevention (CDC) of all students having a "reportable" communicable disease as required by law and Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) rules. The building principal shall be notified of all such communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

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

When a student returns to school after having had a reportable communicable disease, a certificate from the student's physician will be required. The building principal 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
 ME Dept. of Human Services Rule Ch. 258 (2015)

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