



REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT 19

*Corinna Dixmont Etna Hartland
Newport Palmyra Plymouth St. Albans*

PO Box 40 (182 Moosehead Trail)
Newport, ME 04953-0040

Telephone (207) 368-5091
Fax (207) 368-2192

Mr. Gregory G. Potter
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Janet J. Morse
Asst. Supt. /Dir. of Instruct. Improvement

October 30, 2014

Dear Parent/Caregiver:

Please rest assured that the staff and administrators of RSU 19 are taking the Ebola Virus situation in the United States very seriously. The following information from the Maine CDC may help you understand how low you and your child's risk of Ebola exposure really is.

1. Ebola can be spread only by direct contact with bodily fluids from an infected person.
2. People only become contagious after they begin to have symptoms, such as high fever.
3. The Ebola outbreak has been concentrated in only three African countries: Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone
4. If someone has traveled to Liberia, Guinea or Sierra Leone in the past 21 days but does not have symptoms, he or she cannot infect anyone with Ebola.

If you or your child has traveled to one of these three countries in the past 21 days and has experienced symptoms including; fever, headache, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain, or lack of appetite, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not send your child to school until medical attention has been received. The large medical facilities in Maine have protocols in place to provide emergency care to anyone who needs treatment.

RSU 19 has reviewed its plans, and is well prepared should any connection to an infected person be established. You would be notified very quickly if any situation were to evolve. At present, the district has not been informed of any circumstance related to any resident, or attending child having any exposure to this virus. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse, or the Central Office. Thank you.