

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.

All students under quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Bureau of Health shall be observed. The school nurse shall 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 Principal shall be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

Students 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 school physician.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation states students/staff may return to school after they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease, a certificate from the attending physician is 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