

## **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.

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 contagious diseases shall be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or shall observe other protective procedures according to recommendations issued by the school physician. Students who are excluded from school shall also be excluded from other school activities.

When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease that must be reported by law or Department of Education rules, a certificate from the attending 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

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