

### **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 and Department of Health and Human Services 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 or other professional serving in that capacity.

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

*This is a required policy.*

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