

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.

In the event of a declared health emergency, 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 Bureau of Health of possible disease outbreaks or epidemic conditions as specified in Maine DHS 10-144, Chapter 250, Rules for the Control of Notifiable Conditions and by Department of Education Rules. In addition, if the school nurse provides care to any patient who has or is suspected of having any of the reportable diseases listed in the DHS Rules cited above, s(he) should make a report to the Bureau of Health pursuant to these Rules. The building principal shall be notified of all notifiable disease cases or possible outbreak conditions in the school.

Students who have certain communicable conditions shall be excluded from school as described in recommendations from the Department of Education. In some situations, other appropriate preventive measures may be used if recommended by the school physician.

When a student returns to school after having had certain communicable conditions, a certificate from the attending physician may be required, as determined by the school nurse or the school physician. The school nurse or physician may confer with the Bureau of Health, Division of Disease Control in unclear cases.

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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