

The teaching staff shall be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer any student who show such symptoms to a parent/guardian of that student. Upon observation of symptoms of any communicable disease, the teaching staff shall immediately contact the school nurse and school physician.

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 Superintendent 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 nurse, school physician, and/or the student's personal physician(s).

When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease, a certificate from the attending physician is required. The superintendent/designee must give permission before the student is readmitted to class.

Legal Reference: 5 MRSA § 19201 et seq.
20-A MRSA §§ 1001(11XA), 6301
22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824

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