

Communicable/Infectious Disease

Teachers and other school staff will be provided with annual education regarding:

- Handling of bodily fluids;
- Signs and symptoms of communicable diseases.

Students with a diagnosed communicable disease or with symptoms of a communicable disease will be temporarily excused from school. The parent/guardian or emergency contact will be notified and asked to take the student from school. While the student is waiting at school, the student will be isolated from other students.

~~The school administration may communicate with parents and/or exclude any student who poses a public health threat [MRSA 20-A § 6301 (2)].~~

The school will notify the Maine Bureau of Health of any reportable disease. ~~[MRSA 20-A § 6301(5-A)]~~ The list of reportable communicable diseases can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/disease-reporting/index.shtml> http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/boh/ddc/disease_reporting.htm.

~~The school administration may communicate with parents and/or exclude any student who poses a public health threat [MRSA 20-A § 6301 (2)] as advised by the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention (Maine CDC).~~

Students returning to school ~~after a diagnosed communicable disease~~ should be symptom free for 24 hours unless the primary care provider provides written documentation approving school attendance before symptoms have abated. Return to school after a diagnosed communicable disease is contingent upon written documentation from the primary care provider or protocols from the Maine CDC that the student is eligible to return to school

Legal Reference: MRSA 20-A §6301 (2) & (5-A)
22 M.R.S.A., Chapter 250, §820 and §822

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