

Section J: Students

JLCC Communicable/Infectious Diseases

All staff shall be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer anyone who shows such symptoms to the school nurse and notify the Director.

All persons under quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Department of Health* shall be observed. The Director shall be responsible for notifying the Department of Health of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Department of Education rules. The Director and/or their designee shall be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.

Students and staff 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 attending physician.

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

In the event of an actual or threatened outbreak of a communicable disease or other public health threat, the Department of Health may exclude any person attending or working in a school until the Department determines that a public health threat no longer exists.

Anyone receiving information pursuant to this policy must treat as confidential the names of individuals having or suspected of having a notifiable disease or condition, as well as any other information that may identify those individuals. This information may be released to the Department of Health for adult or child protection purposes in accordance with the law.

Legal Reference: 5 MRS § 19201 et seq.
20-A MRS §§ 1001.11-A, 6301
22 MRS §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824
*Department of Health and Human Services, Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (Chapter 258)

Cross Reference: GBGAA - Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan

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