

Section J: Students

JLCC Communicable/Infectious Diseases

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

All students and staff under quarantine shall be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Department of Health shall be observed. The school nurse 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.

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 MRSA § 19201 et seq.
20-A MRSA §§ 1001.11-A, 6301
22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806, 823, 824

Cross Reference: GBGAA - Bloodborne Pathogens and Exposure Control Plan
JLCCA - Students with HIV/AIDS

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