

RSU #63

- a. NEPN/NSBA Code:** **JLCC**
- b. Title:** **Communicable/Infectious Disease**
- c. Author:**
- d. Replaces Policy:**
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- g. Policy Expiration:** **Review as Needed**
- h. Responsible for Review:** **School Nurse & Policy Committee**
- i. Date Reviewed:** **01/09/2017 Superintendent/School Nurse**
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- j. References:** **5 MRSA § 19201 et seq.**
20-A MRSA §§ 1001 (11) (A), 6301
22 MRSA §§ 801, 802, 806

Cross Reference: Policy JLCD-Administration of Student Medication
Policy JLCCA – Management of Pediculosis (Head Lice)

k. Narrative:

The RSU 63 Board of Directors (the Board) expects teachers will be alert to signs of illness and communicable disease and refer students who show such symptoms to the School Nurse. All students under quarantine will be excluded from school and school activities. Quarantine regulations established by the Bureau of Health will be observed.

- I.** The School Nurse will be responsible for notifying the Maine Center of Disease Control (CDC) of all students having a communicable disease as required by law and Maine Department of Education rules.
- II.** The building Principal will be notified of all communicable disease cases and contacts in the school.
- III.** Students who exhibit signs of illness/communicable disease will be excluded from school. The parent/guardian will be called to pick up their student. Parents/guardians will be notified if the student has:
 - A.** Inflamed (reddened) eyes with or without drainage.
 - B.** Open/moist draining sores on the skin or mouth.
 - C.** Vomiting.
 - D.** Diarrhea.
 - E.** Oral temperature of 100 degrees or greater.
 - F.** Difficulty breathing, significant lung congestion or wheezing not improved by prescribed medication approved by parent and physician for school use per RSU 63 medication policy – Policy JLCD
 - G.** Seizures, which differ from the child's normal seizure pattern
 - H.** Persistent uncontrollable crying
 - I.** Unknown/unexplained rash

- J.** Pediculosis (Head Lice) at the discretion of the School Nurse (Refer to Policy JLCCA)
- IV.** Students who have other types of communicable diseases/infections will be excluded from school as prescribed by law, or will observe other protective procedures according to recommendations of the Maine CDC, or by the school physician. When a student returns to school after having had a communicable disease, a certificate from the attending physician or health care professional is required.
- V.** The building Principal and/or the School Nurse must give permission before the student is readmitted to class.