

COMMUNICABLE/INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Students who are afflicted with a communicable disease and/or infectious disease or who are liable to transmit such a disease will be excluded from school, according to RSA 200:39.

Close cooperation between local school officials, the health department and the home are essential for the effective control of such "nuisance" diseases as lice (pediculosis), ringworm and scabies.

The school nurse will periodically provide information to families of all children on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of head lice. Parents are encouraged to check their children's heads for lice if the child is symptomatic. The school nurse shall conduct periodic examinations of students' heads at appropriate times. Such examinations may be of an entire class or of students selected at random.

The principal or school nurse will notify the parent/guardian if their child is found to have head lice. Verbal and/or written instructions for treatment will be given to the family of each identified student. Students will be allowed to return to school after proper treatment. No student will be excluded from attendance solely based on grounds that nits may be present.

If a school nurse thinks that additional help, materials or supplies are needed for an emergency situation, the administration will make appropriate recommendations to the School Board.

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