

**Couture, Amanda**

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**From:** Patterson, Megan L  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 08, 2020 5:23 PM  
**To:** White, Nathaniel; Pesticides  
**Cc:** Abello, Thomas; Saucier, Daniel; Couture, Amanda  
**Subject:** Re: September 18th Board Meeting

Hi Nathaniel,

Thanks for your email. I'll add your letter and this request to the Board meeting agenda.

Please be aware that this meeting will be hosted via Microsoft Teams. Someone will contact you with meeting details.

Thanks again and be well,

Megan Patterson

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**From:** White, Nathaniel <Nathaniel.White@MaineGeneral.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:59:50 PM  
**To:** Pesticides <Pesticides@maine.gov>  
**Cc:** Abello, Thomas <Thomas.Abello@maine.gov>; Saucier, Daniel <daniel.saucier@mainegeneral.org>; Patterson, Megan L <Megan.L.Patterson@maine.gov>  
**Subject:** September 18th Board Meeting

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Good Afternoon,

We understand there is a Board of Pesticides Control Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup>, and per the guidelines, items that are to be brought up at the meeting should be sent 3 days prior the meeting date. We at MaineGeneral would like to receive an exemption to use the electrostatic sprayers within our facilities as part as the cleaning/ sanitizing process with COVID-19. We would like to use the same exemption as the schools only change the language to hospitals and healthcare facilities. We understand that Governor Mills signed an executive order in order for the schools to use those and we were hopeful that this could be talked about for the hospital as well.

We would like this brought up at the meeting to possibly start the process of using electrostatic sprayers within our hospitals.

Thanks

Nathaniel White

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**From:** Couture, Amanda  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 10, 2020 9:21 AM  
**To:** Couture, Amanda  
**Subject:** FW: NEW Disinfectant Sprayer Training Now Required for School Employees

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**From:** Adam Hanson <[ahanson@auburnschl.edu](mailto:ahanson@auburnschl.edu)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 6:38 PM  
**To:** Murray, Kathy <[Kathy.Murray@maine.gov](mailto:Kathy.Murray@maine.gov)>  
**Cc:** Billy Hunter <[bhunter@auburnschl.edu](mailto:bhunter@auburnschl.edu)>  
**Subject:** Re: NEW Disinfectant Sprayer Training Now Required for School Employees

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Hi Kathy,

Thanks for the info.

Who would be the appropriate person for me to email to request that they extend the executive order to also include contracted service providers? This puts some districts at a big disadvantage based solely on whether they happen to employ or contract cleaning and busing services.

Thank you.

On Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 10:28 AM Murray, Kathy <[Kathy.Murray@maine.gov](mailto:Kathy.Murray@maine.gov)> wrote:

Adam,

Contracted service providers must have the proper Commercial Pesticide Operator applicator license (certified in category 7C3 – microbial control) and be working under the supervision of a Commercial Master Applicator with the category 7C3 certification). They are not considered to be school employees and therefore are not under the same ‘temporary suspension of licensing requirements for school employees’ under the Governor’s Executive Order 7 FY 20/21. The same goes for contracted transportation drivers.

-Kathy

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**From:** Adam Hanson <[ahanson@auburnschl.edu](mailto:ahanson@auburnschl.edu)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 10:19 AM  
**To:** William Hunter <[bhunter@auburnschl.edu](mailto:bhunter@auburnschl.edu)>; Murray, Kathy <[Kathy.Murray@maine.gov](mailto:Kathy.Murray@maine.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: NEW Disinfectant Sprayer Training Now Required for School Employees

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Hi Kathy,

Thanks for your input on the hand sanitizer.

Can you get back to me about the question below, on whether the new guidelines apply to contracted cleaners (not just employees)?

Thank you.

On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 4:47 PM Adam Hanson <[ahanson@auburnschl.edu](mailto:ahanson@auburnschl.edu)> wrote:

Hi Kathy,


Does the below information apply also to contracted cleaners who work in our schools? Our evening custodians are contracted, and they are the ones who would be using this equipment the most.

Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry <[DACF@subscriptions.maine.gov](mailto:DACF@subscriptions.maine.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Aug 31, 2020 at 11:48 AM  
**Subject:** NEW Disinfectant Sprayer Training Now Required for School Employees  
**To:** <[bhunter@auburnschl.edu](mailto:bhunter@auburnschl.edu)>

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## SCHOOL INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

### News

#### New Requirements for Electrostatic Sprayers, Foggers, and Misters

State regulations requiring a Commercial Applicator's License for use of powered equipment such as battery powered electrostatic sprayers, misters, or foggers to disperse general use disinfectants and sanitizers in schools and buses have been temporarily lifted for K-12 school employees meeting the stipulated requirements outlined below. Non-powered application of general use disinfectants and sanitizers (routine hand cleaning) is also exempted from pesticide licensing requirements.

Due to the urgency associated with schools re-opening during the COVID-19 pandemic and the short time frame available for school staff to become licensed, on Wednesday August 26th Governor Mills issued Executive Order 7 FY 20/21 which **temporarily permits unlicensed school staff to use powered equipment** in the course of routine cleaning and disinfection **with the following requirements:**

1. School employees using powered equipment **must complete training\*** (**below**) specified by the Board of Pesticides Control (note this is a new training. Previous participation in other training sessions does not meet this new requirement),

2. Schools must keep detailed records of such applications as is required for all other pesticide applications,
3. Schools must provide notice in their policy manual or handbook,
4. Products applied by powered equipment must be:
  - o Labeled for use with powered application equipment
  - o Registered by the Board of Pesticides Control (see [Maine Registered Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#))
  - o Approved by EPA for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19)

**NEW! Disinfectant Applicator Training for School Employees using Powered Sprayers REQUIRED per Governor's Executive Order**

**Thursday September 3, 2020, 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

**REGISTER NOW.** This is **NEW training required for any school staff using powered equipment such as electrostatic sprayers to apply disinfectants and sanitizers in schools** and buses. Just before the event begins click on this link >> [JOIN NOW.](#)

Note: this training will be recorded and available for viewing after the event on the Maine School IPM Program webpage (click on [Training and Events](#)).

Trainees must document successful completion of the training by completing a short on-line questionnaire.

**NEW Resource!**

Find links to training, sample record-keeping forms, and additional resources for cleaning and sanitizing schools on the new [Maine School IPM COVID-19 Microbial Control and Pest Management webpage.](#)

## How to Get a Pesticide Applicator's License



**The Governor's Executive Order does not pertain to non-school employees. Personnel employed by private service providers such as bus service drivers and private cleaning service providers are not exempted and must have the necessary Commercial Pesticide Applicator licenses.** For those wishing to get a pesticide application license, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control is offering free on-line training to prepare aspiring licensees to pass the required examinations.

Recorded presentations and slides for pesticide license training are now available [here](#).

Finally, the [Core Manual](#) and the [Microbial Manual](#) study guides are available for \$7 from UMaine Extension.

[Licensing Brochure](#) (PDF). FMI: [Board of Pesticides Control](#).

For more information contact the Board of Pesticides Control at [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov) or 207-287-2731.

### Questions/Comments? Contact us!

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