

Guidelines for Keeping Ill Children Home from School

Here are some guidelines for keeping ill children at home. These are the same guidelines we use in determining when to send ill children home from school.

Keep at home any ill child with the following symptoms

* **Fever** – over 100.0 especially if other symptoms are present. ***Your child should be free of fever for 24 hours (without the use of Tylenol/Ibuprofen or any other fever reducers) before returning to school.***

* **Nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea** – Students should not return to school until 24 hours after the last time they vomited or had diarrhea.

* **Rash** – ***DO NOT*** send a child with a rash to school until they have been seen by a physician (documentation must be provided to school). If your child has an undiagnosed rash at school, you will be notified to pick them up, and they may not return to school until rash is resolved or a physician's clearance is provided to the school.

* **Eye drainage** – May indicate conjunctivitis (pink eye), a common infectious disease of the eye. It is caused by both bacteria and viruses. Students will be excluded from school when thick drainage is seen and may not return to school until a physician's note is provided to the school.

* **Mild cough/cold symptoms** – If there is no fever and the child feels well enough to attend school, school is fine. If the cough is frequent and/or severe, please keep your child home.

Please remember that during school, children are in close contact with each other. Keeping ill children home at the first signs of illness, helps prevent the spread of that illness to other students and staff.