

Reasons to stay home or be sent home from school:

Fever

A student with a temperature of 100 degrees or above will be excluded from school. The student's temperature must be below 100 degrees for a full 24 hours (without taking a fever 25 reducing medication) before returning to school.

Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)

A student with red, painful, itchy eyes, especially with discharge/crusting/swelling, should have a medical evaluation by a physician. Children with infectious conjunctivitis are considered contagious and will be excluded until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

Vomiting

A child must be excluded from school if vomiting two or more times in 24 hours, unless a physician feels the cause of vomiting is not an infectious disease and the child is in no danger of becoming dehydrated. A child should have one or two meals without vomiting before returning to school. Your child may be sent home from school for vomiting one time.

Strep Throat

If your child is diagnosed with strep throat, they must be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours before returning to school. This mean if they are diagnosed with strep today, they can't come back to school tomorrow. **Please notify the nurse if your child is diagnosed with strep throat.**

Diarrhea

A child with any diarrheal illness must be excluded from school until they are diarrhea free for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medications.

Head Lice

If your child has a known or suspected case of head lice, please notify the school nurse. **If your child has active head lice, he/she must be excluded from school until receiving treatment with a medicated shampoo or lotion, and active lice are no longer present.** You may or may not be notified when a classmate in your child's class has lice. When the nurse is aware of 2 or more cases of active head lice in a classroom, the entire classroom is checked.

Rashes

Students with a "questionable" rash should be referred to a physician for a medical diagnosis and determined the rash is not caused by an infectious disease.

If your child is sick our absent for any illness, please inform the school and your school nurse.

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