

## **Should I Keep My Child Home From School?**

### **Cold, with mild symptoms such as stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough**

No. Your child may attend school if he or she is able to participate in school activities and fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

### **Chicken Pox**

Exclude from school until all vesicles are dried and crusted.

### **Conjunctivitis (pink eye)**

Yes. Students may return 24 hours after treatment is started and signs and symptoms are greatly reduced.

### **COVID-19**

If your student tests positive please remain home and away from others until symptoms are improving overall AND they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medication.

Take precautions to prevent spread for the next five days after returning to normal activities (whatever possible in your setting, including masking, distancing, air filtration, hygiene)

### **Diarrhea**

Yes. Students should be kept home until they are free of diarrhea for 24 hrs.

### **Fever**

Yes. Students should stay home if their temperature is 100F or higher. Keep student home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

**Fifth Disease**

No. By the time the rash appears, children are no longer contagious and do not need to stay home. Keep student home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

**Hand Foot and Mouth**

Exclude until fever is gone and there is not excessive drooling

**Head Lice**

Yes. Students may return after their hair has been treated and the school nurse has assessed for removal of all nits.

**Impetigo**

Yes. Exclude until sores are no longer draining.

**Plantar Wart**

Exclude from swimming until found non-infectious by physician.

**Rash**

Yes. Children with a new skin rash of unknown origin should see a doctor to rule out a contagious or infectious illness.

**Ringworm**

Yes. Students may return 24 hours after treatment starts. Areas should be covered when the student returns to school.

**Scabies**

Exclude until student and all household contacts have been treated adequately.

**Strep Throat**

Yes. Students may return to school 24 hours after antibiotics have

been started and when fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-controlling medicine.

### **Vomiting**

Yes. Students should be kept home if they have vomited within the past 24 hours. For the protection of the other students and employees, your child will be sent home if any of these symptoms, conditions, illnesses are found or suspected during the school day.

### **Surgery, Major illness, or an Accident**

Should your child have surgery, major illness, or an accident please notify the School Nurse so that we may assist with safe and appropriate care upon return to school.

### **Any Communicable Disease**

The nurse or principal had the authority to temporarily exclude any student suspected of having a communicable disease.