

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

COVID Quarantine for Illness or positive test: 5 days of isolation if no symptoms are present or symptoms are resolving (fever free 24 hrs, w/o medication) on day 5, return to school on day 6 with mandatory mask wearing days 6-10. If symptoms are present, remain in isolation until 24 hours of being fever free and symptoms begin to improve. If return to school between days 6-10, mandatory mask wearing through day 10.

- no mask on or after day 6 if rapid test is negative
- If unable to wear a mask or refusal to wear a mask, not able to return to school and must comply with 10-day isolation

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.