

MEDICAL GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Keeping your child healthy is the goal of both the school and home. Children learn better when they feel as well as possible.

Some of our students are at a greater risk for acquiring infections due to their physical limitations and medical conditions. Parents and physicians must be notified early of exposure to communicable diseases in order that preventive treatment, if needed, can be administered promptly.

Since students work and play in close quarters, our guidelines for remaining at home need to be considered before sending your child to school.

General rules are:

1. Any student with a fever (temperature above 100 degrees) should be kept home and observed for other symptoms for at least 24 hours after temperature is normal (*without* fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin).
2. Any student with vomiting during the night or more than twice in a 24 hour period should be kept home until symptom free.
3. Any student with watery diarrhea should be kept home until symptom free.
4. Minor sniffles are not usually enough to keep your student home. But if your child is irritable, lethargic or taking over the counter medicine for cough or nasal discharge, they probably will not be able to function well in a classroom.
5. Any student with infected or red, watery eyes should be kept home until diagnosed by a health care provider, or is symptom free.
6. Any student with an undiagnosed skin rash or open, infected sores should be kept home until diagnosed by a health care provider, or it resolved.
7. Any student who has a medical procedure done under anesthesia or sedation should, in most cases, remain at home for at least 24 hours.
8. Students should not have head lice or nits at school.

PLEASE REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT ILLNESS TO YOUR STUDENT'S TEACHER OR TO THE NURSE. If you have any questions or wish to discuss health concerns with the nurse, call the school during school hours.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE SCHOOL OFFICE INFORMED OF YOUR CURRENT HOME, WORK, AND EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS.

If your student is sent home from school with a note from the health room, they should return to the health room for clearance the first day they return.