

SCHOOL HEALTH POLICIES

ILLNESSES

You will be notified and asked to pick your child up for the following:

- 1) Vomiting- if a child vomits and is sent home from school, they cannot return to school **for 24 hours after vomiting**, as stomach viruses are **very contagious** in the classroom. This includes vomiting at home later that day.
- 2) Diarrhea- if a child has a diarrhea episode at school and the child does not have a medical condition that causes diarrhea, they will need to be sent home.
- 3) Fever- if a child has a temperature of 100.0 or above, they will need to be sent home. Children **must be fever free for 24 hours** before returning to school.
- 4) Strep throat- if a child is diagnosed with Strep Throat, they may return to school after being on **ANTIBIOTICS for 24 Hours**.
- 5) Rashes- if a child has a rash that cannot be identified, parents will be notified to seek medical evaluation for a diagnosis. The child may return to school with a written medical diagnosis of a non-contagious rash or when the rash is gone.
- 6) Pink Eye/Conjunctivitis- if a child has drainage coming from the eye and the eye is matted.
- 7) Lice- if a child is found to have lice, the parent/guardian will be notified. It is expected that the child will be treated at home that day with a medicated shampoo or lotion, following manufacturer's guidelines (regarding shampooing, nit removal and retreatment recommendations). Upon returning to school after treatment, the child will again be checked for lice. It is recommended that parents routinely check their children's heads periodically throughout the school year, to monitor for the presence of head lice.
- 8) Ticks- if your child has a tick, it will be removed and parent will be notified. You will not need to take your child home in this situation.

At Home:

- 1) Vomiting- if your child vomits at home, **do not** send him/her to school. They should not return to school until it has been 24 hours since they have last vomited, as stomach viruses are **very contagious** in the classroom.
- 2) Diarrhea- if your child does not have a medical condition that causes this, you need to keep him/her home for 24 hours after last diarrhea episode.
- 3) Fever- if your child has a temperature 100.0 or greater, keep him/her home until he/she has been fever free for 24 hours.
- 4) Strep Throat- if your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, keep him/her home until they have been on antibiotics for 24 hours. If your child is prone to strep infections, please include this on the medical form.
- 5) Rashes- if your child has a rash that you cannot identify, he/she should stay home. Please consult your doctor.

- 6) Pink Eye/Conjunctivitis-if your child has drainage coming from one or both eyes, or one eye or both eyes are matted shut, he/she should be kept home. Please consult your doctor. Children with pink eye/conjunctivitis may return to school after being on ANTIBIOTIC drops for 24 hours.
- 7) Lice- if you find that your child has lice, keep him/her home and treat with medicated shampoo or lotion per manufacturer's directions. PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL TO LET THE SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF KNOW. Consult your healthcare provider and/or the school nurse for guidance, as needed.
- 8) Ticks-cleanse the site, remove tick with small, fine tipped tweezers, and recleanse the site. Monitor child for swelling at the site, rash, and fever for up to one month after tick bite, and notify your doctor for these symptoms.

****Please inform the school nurse of any medical conditions that might affect your child during a school day. (Asthma, ADHD/ADD, Diabetes, Seizures, Life Threatening Allergies, Physical Disabilities, Surgeries, Migraines, etc.)

****If your child is diagnosed with a communicable disease such as chicken pox, staph infection, mono, hand foot and mouth disease, or any other communicable disease, please report it to the school nurse as soon as possible.