

## **SICK DAY GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines are used to determine early dismissal when students become sick at school and may be helpful to determine appropriate attendance. A note written by child's Healthcare Provider with diagnosis and medical clearance to return to school is advised. Please DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF HE OR SHE:

- Has vomited in the past 24 hours. Students may not return to the classroom if they have vomited in the past 24 hours.
- Has had diarrhea in the <u>past 24 hours</u>. Students must be free from diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to the classroom.
- Has a persistent cough
- Has an oral temperature of 100.1 degrees of higher. <u>Students may not return to</u> the classroom until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, etc.
- Has a red, ulcerated throat
- Undiagnosed or unknown rash (a rash not seen or not treated by a healthcare provider)
- Didn't eat breakfast due to a stomach ache or nausea
- Has drainage from eye, eye is crusted over in the morning or eye is red
- Has been diagnosed with strep throat, conjunctivitis (pink eye) or other contagious infection. Students are required to complete 24 hours of antibiotic therapy before returning to school.

Has head lice or nits. If you suspect head lice or nits, please contact your
healthcare provider for appropriate guidance, treat the child as directed, and
inform the class teacher and school nurse. The school nurse must check the
child's head prior to returning to the classroom.

In addition, please report all communicable diseases (chicken pox, strep throat, scarlet fever, pink eye, impetigo, fifths disease, head lice, scabies, ringworm, whooping cough, measles, mumps, etc.) to the Health Room at GWCS.

Please check with your child's doctor or Department of Health regarding the time frame of separation from school as it may be longer for more serious communicable disease.

<u>Please Note</u>: Students who are absent **3 days or more** will require a note by doctor with a brief description of illness and date student can return to school.

Lastly, students who become sick at school <u>must be picked up within one hour of notification.</u>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Health Room at GWCS

