

**GILROY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH SERVICES**



**POLICY GUIDELINES FOR KEEPING ILL CHILDREN
HOME FROM SCHOOL**

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HOME FROM SCHOOL**

(District and Parent Information)

We appreciate your concern and support in providing a safe and healthy learning environment for our students.

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When NOT To Send Your Child To School

In an effort to help protect our students from unnecessary illness, we request all parent and guardians to NOT send your child to school if you suspect your child may be ill, and has exhibited any of the following signs or symptoms of suspected illness:

- elevated temperature of 100 degrees or more in the last 24 hours (students must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to school)
- vomited (due to suspected illness) within the last 24 hours (keep child home for 24 hours after the last time he/she vomited)
- experienced repeated episodes of diarrhea in the last 24 hours (keep child home for 24 hours after the last time he/she had diarrhea)
- chills, loss of appetite, unusual fatigue, and/or lingering headache
- significant amount of untreated nasal / throat discharge, particularly if the discharge is yellow or greenish in color
- persistent cough productive or non-productive
- significant sore throat
- complaint of earache
- localized rash or systemic rash of undetermined origin
- eyes with white or yellow discharge
- untreated head lice --live insects and/or nits (eggs) closer than 1/4 inch from scalp (child should be treated with appropriate medicated lice shampoo and hair combed or picked through and return to school) - See Current District Head Lice Policy

Keep your child home until 24 hours after the FIRST dose of antibiotic for any illness.

Doctor notes are requested after 3 days of illness.

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A parent, guardian, or designated contact will be notified immediately to pick up a child from school who presents any of the following conditions:

- a temperature of 100 degrees or greater with or without acute symptoms (students must be fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication before returning to school)
- signs or symptoms of acute illness (with or without a fever), or serious accident/injury
- vomiting (not related to a single event such as gagging, positioning, mucus, running after eating, or spicy food)
- diarrhea of two or more loose watery stools
- localized rash or systemic rash of undetermined origin as a sign of potential illness or communicable disease (rash must be gone or a doctor's note stating rash is not contagious is required for student's return)
- asthma symptoms that do not respond to prescribed medication or no prescribed medication is available for treatment of asthma symptoms
- uncontrolled coughing non-productive (unless appropriate medication and doctor's order is on hand in nurse's office or parent can bring and administer), or uncontrolled productive coughing with yellow or green phlegm
- signs/symptoms of pink eye or purulent conjunctivitis (defined as pink or red conjunctiva with white or yellow eye discharge)--The student must receive treatment for 24 hours before returning to school and provide a note from a health care provider stating that the condition has been treated or is not contagious
- live head lice - See Current District Head Lice Policy
- diabetic student with a blood sugar of 400 or greater (which is not responding to diabetic care indicated in doctor's orders) or otherwise stated in Individual Health Care Plan

- diabetic student with a low blood sugar (exhibiting signs and symptoms of hypoglycemia which are not responding to diabetic care indicated in doctor's orders) or otherwise stated in Individual Health Care plan

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According to the assessment of the School Nurse in collaboration with the teacher and/or health services staff, if staying in the classroom is counterproductive to the student's education, or the safety and wellness of others, a decision may be made to send a student home.

The parent/guardian or designated, approved contact will be expected to come for the child within an hour or a reasonable time agreed upon with the nurse or school personnel. In the event the parent, guardian, or designated contact cannot be reached, a parent conference may be held at the earliest opportunity to establish correct contact numbers, school district expectations, and parent responsibilities.

Any additional guidelines necessary for special needs students or students with severe medical conditions will be addressed in his/her Individual Health Care Plan.

In the event of a student medical emergency, school personnel may call 911, and the student may be transported to a medical facility via ambulance. The cost of services provided by ambulance, private physician, clinic, hospital, or dentist remain the responsibility of the parent/guardian and will not be assumed by Gilroy Unified School district or school district personnel.

Gilroy Unified School District employees are required to report any issues of child abuse to Child Protective Services.

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