



Communicable Diseases

The School Nurse may require physician diagnosis of students suspected of having any of the following communicable diseases or symptoms of concern.

DISEASES	EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL
Any undiagnosed fever	Until diagnosed or fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
Any undiagnosed rash	Until diagnosed or symptoms are gone for 24 hours.
Chicken Pox/Shingles	All scabs must be dry
Contagious Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye)	May return after start of physician prescribed treatment and eye is no longer weeping.
Fifth Disease	No exclusion if no fever and feels well
Hepatitis, Meningitis, Measles Tuberculosis Whooping Cough	As indicated by a physician's note. It should include activity and PE restrictions upon return to school.
Ringworm Impetigo (crusty sore)	Written physician clearance needed to return. Area must be covered upon return to school.
Mononucleosis	As indicated by physician. A physician's note should indicate allowed activity including physical education restrictions.
Pediculosis (Lice) *****	Until appropriately treated with pediculicide
Pinworms	Written physician clearance needed to return
Scabies	Written physician clearance needed to return
Strep Throat	Return is only after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment and no fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.
Skin Infections	Written physician clearance needed to return

*****No pediculicide is 100% effective; therefore removal of nits is essential to prevent re-infestation. Please notify the School Nurse if your child has been treated for head lice. It is advisable for parents to check their child's hair for head lice weekly.

Any student in school suffering from a rise in temperature, skin eruption or unusual swelling shall be excluded from school until diagnosis of non-communicable disease is made or the child has fully recovered, **and has been fever-free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.**

Please notify your child's school nurse whenever there is a diagnosis of any of the communicable diseases listed above. The school nurse has a better chance of controlling the spread of disease if she is alerted to its presence in the school. Your information will be kept confidential.