






When Should I Keep My Student Home?

NOTE: These are school instructions, not medical advice. Please contact your doctor with health concerns.

Student's Symptoms of Illness	Student May Return to School When
Fever: Temperature by mouth greater than 100.4 degrees 	No fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medicine
Skin rash or open sores 	Rash is gone; sores are dry or can be completely covered by a bandage; or with orders from doctor to school nurse
New Cough illness 	In general, when symptom-free for 72 hours. If pertussis (whooping cough) is diagnosed, after taking 5-day course of prescribed antibiotics, or when cleared for return by local public health authority. If COVID-19 is diagnosed, with orders from local public health authority
Diarrhea: 3 loose or watery stools in one day OR newly not able to control bowel movements	Symptom-free for 48 hours
Vomiting	Symptom-free for 48 hours
Headache with stiff neck and fever; OR with recent head injury	Symptom-free or with orders from doctor to school nurse
Jaundice: (new) yellow color in eyes or skin	After orders from doctor or local public health authority to school nurse
Red eyes or eye discharge yellow or brown drainage from eyes 	Redness and discharge is gone OR with order from doctor to school nurse
Acting different without a reason: unusually sleepy or grumpy OR acting differently after a head injury	After return to normal behavior OR with orders from doctor to school nurse
Major health event, like surgery OR an illness lasting 2 or more weeks 	After orders from doctor to school nurse
Student's health condition requires more care than school staff can safely provide	After measures are in place for student's safety