

Delbarton School Illness Policy

2021-22

Students should stay home if they are ill. Parents should contact the Receptionist and/or the School Nurse and with details about the illness-related absence and/or COVID-19 diagnosis, testing or exposure. School nurse Deirdre McAuliffe can be reached at 973-539-3231, x 3080.

Symptoms and Conditions Requiring Absence from School

- Fever or fever-like symptoms
 - Temperature above 100.0 F, with or without the presentation of fatigue/body aches/chills/rigors.
 - New onset of headache, especially with a fever
- Respiratory symptoms
 - Cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, shortness of breath, not appearing be related to allergies or asthma.
- Gastrointestinal symptoms
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or severe nausea.
- New unexplained loss of taste or smell
- Unvaccinated student who have been notified that they have been in close contact with a sick individual with COVID-like symptoms OR a positive COVID-19 case
- Confirmed non-COVID viral infectious disease, e.g., influenza or mononucleosis
- Contagious infections requiring antibiotic treatment e.g., Strep throat or pink eye
- Undiagnosed, new, and/or untreated skin rash or condition
- Doctor's note requiring an individualized plan of care to stay home due to medical concerns.

Students with respiratory symptoms, such as cough or sneezing, or who have a fever, will be asked to wear a mask while being evaluated, and if necessary, wait in our isolation room until picked up by a parent or guardian to go home.

Procedure for returning to school

- Unvaccinated students presenting with COVID-compatible symptoms must have a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test) to return to school. If the student is not tested, 10 days minimum **AND** at least 24 hours since last fever without medication **AND** symptoms have improved.
- If an unvaccinated student tests positive for COVID, he must stay home for 10 days. Day one for the quarantine is the day after the beginning of symptoms or positive test.
- Unvaccinated students identified as close contact with someone who has COVID-19 must stay home for 7 days, with a negative COVID-19 PCR test day 5-7.
- For other contagious infections, a student must stay home for the first 24 hours following antibiotics.
- A student absent for 2 or more days **MUST** have a doctor's note to return to school.

This policy may be revised, depending on Morris Township or New Jersey state board of health mandates, vaccination coverage and community transmission or local outbreaks.

Please notify the school nurse of injuries requiring medical attention, especially orthopedic injuries and concussions, so teachers may be notified of accommodations. Delbarton has secondary insurance that may assist with medical bills not covered by a student's primary insurance policy.