

When should your child stay home from school?

- **Fever** –greater than 100°F. May return when fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medicine.
- **Vomiting** – any unexplained vomiting episode. May return 24 hours after last episode.
- **Diarrhea** – 3 or more unexplained episodes of watery or loose stools in 24 hours or sudden onset of loose stools. May return 24 hours after last episode.
- **Cough** – serious or sustained coughing or shortness of breath.
- **Pink Eye** – diagnosed by a health care provider. May return after 24 hours on antibiotic eye drops.
- **Sore Throat** – can be a symptom of a common cold or strep. Your child can go to school with a mild cold. May return to school after 24 hours on an antibiotic if diagnosed with strep throat by a health care provider.
- **Rash** – any new rash accompanied by a fever. May return after rash goes away or clearance given by a health care provider.
- **Other** – Can your child participate in the activities at school? Kids go to school to learn. If your child is so uncomfortable, sleepy or otherwise distracted that he wouldn't be able to get anything out of school, it may be better to keep him home. In some cases, children are fine to sit in class but may have trouble with gym or recess. In those cases, a note from your doctor asking for temporary accommodations may be helpful.

