

**MT. OLIVE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS
HEALTH SERVICES**

Prevention of the spread of communicable diseases in schools and other places where children gather calls for cooperation between home and school.

The first step in the control of communicable diseases is the knowledge of when and where these diseases occur. The following diseases are reportable to the school. For additional information, contact your family physician.

CONDITION	SYMPTOMS	CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	Rash of small clear blisters that open, crust & then form scabs. They first appear on neck, chest & abdomen, then spread.	When pox are crusted over, approximately 7 days.
Sore Throat	Pain and/or fever.	When discomfort subsides, fever free for 24 hours & seen by physician if needed.
Common Cold/Flu	Nasal discharge, coughing, sneezing, malaise. Exclude if temperature greater than 100 degrees or symptoms are debilitating.	When fever free for 24 hours and child's symptoms subside.
Fever	Exclude for temperature over 100 degrees.	May return when fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
Scarlet Fever/ Strep Throat	Rash/flaming red tonsils, may be covered with pus like exudate, fever, headache, nausea and/or vomiting.	After 24-48 hours of antibiotic treatment and fever free for 24 hours.
Diarrhea	Multiple episodes of loose stools; may have fever and abdominal cramping.	If free of diarrhea and without fever for 24 hours.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	Redness of sclera & conjunctiva, crust on lids after waking from sleep, excessive itching or rubbing of eyes. May have watery or purulent discharge.	May return after 24 hours of treatment and medical clearance but must be free of drainage.
Mononucleosis/Epstein Bar/ Chronic Fatigue/Hepatitis	Multiple	Requires medical clearance including an activity order.
Coxsackievirus	Usually multiple/painful lesions or sores on hands, feet, and in mouth. Fever, possibly nausea and/or vomiting.	If fever free for 24 hours and with medical clearance.
Vomiting	Nausea, abdominal cramps, possible fever, unable to retain food/fluids.	After 24 hours free of vomiting and without fever .
Pediculosis (Head Lice)	Lice/nits, rash, scratching, and enlarged lymph nodes. Requires treatment and re-evaluation by school nurse before clearing to return to school.	After medical or school nurse's clearance, and if no nits are found after treatment.
Influenza (Flu)	Fever, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion/rhinnorhea.	After all symptoms have subsided (approx. 5-7 days). Must have a doctor's note for re-entry.
Scabies	Very itchy, papular rash with erythema. Sites: young children — head, neck, palms & soles; older children — axilla, groin, buttocks, navel.	Exclude from school until doctor treats & gives clearance.
MRSA/Wounds	Signs & symptoms of soft tissue infection — pimple or boil that is red, swollen, and painful with purulent drainage.	Requires medical clearance including activity order; wound must be covered until healed while in school.
Impetigo/Ringworm	Honey-colored skin; drainage usually near mouth or nose; circular scaly rash.	Both require medical diagnosis and clearance; Wounds must be covered.