

HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please keep your child home in any of the following cases*:

- Your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher: Please keep your child home until fever-free for 24 hours without use of fever-reducing medication.
- Your child is vomiting.
- Your child has the flu, severe cold/cough, or other infectious illness. Please keep infectious diseases at a minimum by reporting strep throat, chicken pox, conjunctivitis, Fifth's disease, impetigo, MRSA, and any other contagious illness to the school nurse.
- Your child is on an antibiotics for steep throat or other bacterial infections: Your child should be on medication and fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

More serious health concerns should also be reported to the school nurse; in some cases, medical clearance from the child's pediatrician will be necessary to readmit a child to school.

Illnesses that occur during the school day will be assessed by the school nurse. Parents will be notified and informed whether or not the child needs to be picked up from school.

When you notify the school of an absence, please specifically state the medical reason associated with the absence.

If your child is absent for three or more consecutive days, the school nurse may request a doctor's note verifying return-to-school clearance.

If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

**This is not an exhaustive list of legitimate absence for medical reasons.*