

Douglas County School District
Health Services

Dear Parents,

The Student Health Services Department has the utmost concern for providing a healthy learning environment for all students at school. Please help us in making the school environment healthy by following our “when to stay home” / “when to exclude from school” guidelines listed below to help minimize the spread of communicable diseases in the school setting:

- **Fever** of 100.0 Fahrenheit or more, currently or within the last 24 hours
- **Diarrhea** (especially with a fever) currently or within the last 24 hours
- **Vomiting** (especially with a fever) currently or within the last 24 hours
- **Rash** (especially with a fever or behavioral change) – The student remains excluded until a medical examination determines that the rash is not a communicable disease that requires continued exclusion
- **Mouth/Face Sores (Impetigo)** – The student remains excluded until seen and diagnosed by a medical provider AND they have been home taking the prescribed antibiotic regimen for a full 24 hours
- **Conjunctivitis (Pinkeye) or other eye infection** – The student remains excluded until seen and diagnosed by a medical provider AND they have been home taking the prescribed antibiotic regimen for a full 24 hours
- **Signs & Symptoms of severe illness**, as determined by the School Nurse or Health Aide
- **Exclusion may also occur for the mildly ill student if the student is unable to participate in normal activities or if the child needs more care than can be provided by school staff**

Parents/Guardians/Emergency Contacts are to pick up their student from school upon notification of possible communicable disease. If the Parent/Guardian/Emergency Contact cannot be reached, the student is to remain in the Health Office and isolated away from other students.

Students may return to school once they have been fever-free and/or symptom-free for a full 24 hours without taking any over-the-counter medications that could mask a fever and/or symptoms.

If you have any questions, please contact your School Nurse or Health Aide or the Chief Nurse.
Thank you!