

**LAWRENCE COUNTY SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES**  
**Communicable Diseases**  
**School Return Guidelines**

**Communicable Diseases:**

**Recommended guidelines for students with communicable diseases in order to return to school: Return to school determination is made on a case-by-case basis and may differ from these guidelines. These guidelines are not all inclusive.**

**School Return Requirements:**

- Students will remain out of school until they are no longer contagious.
- This determination will be made by the School Nurse and/or the student's physician.
- The School Nurse has the authority to request a physician note for the student to return to school.
- Students with a medical diagnosis of a communicable disease from their physician will follow the directions of their physician and a written note from the student's physician is required for the student to return to school.
- Students with an illness not requiring a physician must follow the School Nurse's recommendation for returning to school.

**General Guidelines for School Return:**

Return to school determination is made on a case-by-case basis and may differ from these guidelines. These guidelines are not all inclusive.

- Fever free for the last 24 hours, without the aid of medication
- No vomiting for the last 24 hours, resulting from a communicable disease
- No diarrhea for the last 24 hours, resulting from a communicable disease

**Absences due to communicable diseases:**

Excused absences are made on a case-by-case basis and may differ from these guidelines. These guidelines are not all inclusive.

- The day the student is sent home from school by the School Nurse is an excused check-out.
- The School Nurse has the authority to excuse the following day if needed to accommodate a fever or other illnesses if indicated.
- For additional consecutive absences to follow the student must bring a doctor note or parent note.

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