



Guidelines for Dismissal or Reasons to Keep Your Child Home from School

In an effort to minimize the spread of contagious illness, the Hamilton Wenham Regional School District has developed the following guidelines for determining whether your child needs to be sent home or stay home from school:

- Fever (elevated temperature of 100.0 or higher). Must remain home until fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines, such as Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Motrin or Advil).
- Vomiting or diarrhea. May return to school 24 hours after the last episode.
- Generalized rash of unknown origin. Must be evaluated by a doctor and provide a note for re-entry into school.
- Live head lice. Must be treated at home, and then re-checked by the school nurse, preferably with a parent/guardian present, upon return to school.
- Red or pink itchy eyes with crusty and/or green/yellow drainage. May return to school when there is no drainage and/or on medication for 24 hours.
- Strep throat. May return 12-24 hours after beginning antibiotic treatment and feeling better.
- Uncontrollable cough or symptoms that make your child unable to function in the classroom.

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Children and staff who test positive must isolate for at least 5 days. If they are asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and they have been fever free without the use of fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours, they may return to school after Day 5 and should wear a high-quality mask through Day 10. If the individual is able to mask, they must do so through Day 10.

- If the individual has a negative test on Day 5 or later, they do not need to mask
- If the individual is unable to mask, they may return to programming with a negative test on Day 5 or later.

This list is a guideline. The School Nurse reserves the right to dismiss students who, in their professional opinion, are possibly contagious or are too ill to be in school

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