



Greenwich Public Schools  
School Health Services

### **Guidelines for Childhood Illness**

*The following guidelines are to help us provide a safe and healthy environment for your child*

**Please keep your child home when he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:**

- Fever of 100.4 or greater
- Significant respiratory symptoms: heavy cough, green nasal discharge, chest congestion
  - *Greenwich Public Schools recommends families heed the advice of their medical providers when experiencing symptoms of respiratory disease*
- Sore throat (not yet seen by MD)
- Diarrhea &/or vomiting
- Rash (undiagnosed-not yet seen by MD)
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Discolored eye drainage (profuse &/or thick)
- When your child feels too sick to participate in the school day
- With a positive strep culture until 24 hours after antibiotic has been started

**Your child may return to school when:**

- Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol, ibuprofen)
- Diarrhea &/or vomiting has stopped for at least 24 hours
- Rash has been assessed by a medical provider (note must be provided to the school nurse that includes clearance for when the child may return)
- 24 hours after an antibiotic has been started

*Greenwich school district and the public health school nurses reserve the right to send home any student who displays signs of ill health or injury that, in the nurse's judgment, may jeopardize the general welfare of the student &/or the class*

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