



Watertown Mayer Public Schools

Health Services 2023-2024

In efforts to promote a safe learning environment we ask that together we follow these guidelines.

WHEN TO STAY HOME

Students or staff should remain at home and report to building attendance if they have any of the following:

- Fever of 100 degrees or more
- New undiagnosed rash
- Vomiting or Diarrhea
- New or worsening cough
- Sore throat
- Positive for communicable diseases (ie. chicken pox, strep throat, pink eye, influenza, COVID, impetigo, etc.)

If a student is not well at school:

Students exhibiting any signs of illness listed above during the school day will be assessed by the building nurse to determine if the student should be sent home. Parents/guardians will be asked to pick up their students in a timely manner. High School students must be excused by parents or guardians prior to leaving school.

WHO TO CONTACT

Please notify the attendance line and report your student's **symptoms**
OR
if your student has been diagnosed with a **communicable disease**.

ATTENDANCE LINES

- **Community Learning Center**
 - Community Education/Early Childhood - 952-955-0280
 - Kids Company & Caring Hands Childcare - 952-955-0291
- **Elementary School** - 952-955-0321 or esattendance@wm.k12.mn.us
- **Middle School** - 952-955-0421 or msattendance@wm.k12.mn.us
- **High School** - 952-955-0621 or hsattendance@wm.k12.mn.us

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Students/staff can return to school when they have:

1. Improvement of symptoms AND
2. 24 hours fever free without fever reducing medication (Tylenol, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Acetaminophen) AND
3. 24 hours free from diarrhea/vomiting
4. Alternative diagnosis from a healthcare provider

REPORTING

Building nurses will record cases of Influenza-like illnesses, COVID-19, and gastrointestinal illnesses, and other vaccine preventable diseases to track for outbreaks and mandatory state reporting. Please include your student's symptoms or diagnoses if absent from school for these reasons. Each school will be tracked separately and there will be communication sent if outbreaks of any of these reportable illnesses reach 10% of student enrollment.

COVID-19 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

Situation	Protocol
Student/Staff have symptoms of COVID-19	Testing is RECOMMENDED for people with symptoms of COVID-19 as soon as possible after symptoms begin. If a person with COVID-19 symptoms tests negative for COVID-19, they should consider getting tested for other respiratory illnesses that could be spread to others, such as influenza.
Student/Staff tests positive for COVID-19	Students and staff are encouraged to report to health services if they test positive for COVID-19. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, your child must stay home until they have been fever free (100.0 F or below) for more than 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication and your child has significant improvement in symptoms. Your child can choose to mask through day 10 of illness upon return to school, however it is not required.