

COMMUNICABLE ILLNESS GUIDELINES

Based on an evaluation by the school nurse or school principal the parents/guardians will be called to come for a student who exhibits sufficient signs and symptoms of an illness or suspected communicable disease that would warrant exclusion from school. Parents and guardians are expected to have someone available at all times to come for the student if the need arises.

These guidelines have been established to protect students and staff from contagious conditions within the school environment. The following will outline when students may return to school:

1. Fever: 100 degrees or above, must be free of fever for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
2. Diarrhea: no diarrhea for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Vomiting: no vomiting for a full 24 hours before returning to school
4. Strep throat: must be on antibiotics for a full 24 hours as prescribed by a physician and must have temperature below 100 degrees for a full 24 hours.
5. Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease: student should stay home from school until they have no fever for 24 hours and the mouth sores and open blisters have healed.
6. Chickenpox: all lesions must be crusted and must be free of fever for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
7. Cough: should stay home with frequent, harsh cough and/or wheezing, labored breathing.
8. Conjunctivitis (pink eye): must be on antibiotics for 24 hours and all redness and/or drainage from eyes must be resolved.
9. Impetigo: must be on antibiotics as prescribed by a physician for a full 24 hours before returning to school.
10. Lice: the home, student and all individuals living in the home must be treated and all eggs (nits) must be removed from the student's hair before returning to school as stated in lice policy.
11. Scabies: the home, student and all individuals living in the home must be treated as directed by physician.
12. Yellowish skin or eyes, unusually dark urine and/or gray or white stool.
13. Stiff neck with fever.
14. Unusual seizure or prolonged seizure activity within the last 4 hours.
15. MRSA: student should have barrier in place over sore at all times. A note from the doctor stating child can be in school is necessary. Home and school areas should be disinfected frequently as well as frequent hand washing and gloves for direct contact.

In the event a contagious disease is diagnosed or suspected in the home, the parents are requested to contact the school staff or school nurse. This assistance can help in preventing the spread of disease throughout the school. *Parents/Guardians are expected to notify the school staff if their child is ill and cannot attend school by calling 740-754-4050.*