

## GBS Illness Policy: When to Keep Your Child Home from School

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In an effort to prevent the spread of illness at school, please keep your child home if they exhibit the following:

- **Fever of 100.0F or greater.** Your child must remain home until their temperature returns to normal for a minimum of 24 hours, without fever reducing medications such as Motrin or Tylenol. Please do not administer fever reducing medication prior to sending your child to school. Inevitably, the fever returns and the child has to go home.
- **Nausea, vomiting, loose stools and/or excessive malaise.** Before returning to school, your child must be symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours. Your child must be tolerating a normal diet and have at least one formed stool.
- **Continuous or frequent cough, runny nose, sneezing, or any respiratory illness that produces excessive green, yellow, or clear secretions.** If these symptoms persist throughout the day, and interrupt the normal functioning of the class, your child will be sent home until the symptoms have resolved.
- **Diagnosis of strep throat, conjunctivitis (pink eye), Varicella (chicken pox), Hand Foot and Mouth Disease, or other communicable diseases.** If feeling well, and if antibiotics have been prescribed, your child may return to school after a minimum of 24 hours of antibiotic treatment with a healthcare provider's note.
- **Experiencing a rash of unknown origin.** A healthcare provider's note of clearance is required stating your child is clear to attend school and is not contagious.
- **Infection, swelling, limitations to range-of-motion and/or diminished ability to walk without limping or pain.** These symptoms would require an evaluation by your child's healthcare provider. Any supportive device such as an ace wrap, boot, splint, cast, crutches etc., must be reported to the school nurse prior to returning to school. Depending on the situation, a healthcare provider's note may be required.
- Any symptom or situation that prevents, or may prevent your child from participating fully in school activities.

Please note, the CDC's updated guidance, as of March 2024, for respiratory viruses (Flu, COVID-19, etc.), can be found [here](#).

Additional situations requiring a healthcare provider's clearance note:

- Absence due to illness of 3 or more days
- Visit to the doctor or urgent care to rule out strep throat, conjunctivitis, Varicella, Hand Foot and Mouth Disease or other communicable diseases
- ER visit or hospitalization

What happens if your child becomes sick at school?

- If your child becomes ill at school and is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to other children, you will be called for and asked to pick up your child within 1 hour.

In an effort to protect the well-being of all our students and staff, we rely on parents and caregivers to be forthcoming with any/all pertinent information regarding health-related concerns.

Please email [marissa@gillenbrewer.com](mailto:marissa@gillenbrewer.com) or call 212-831-3667 when your child will be absent or with questions.

Gillen Brewer's Illness Policy is subject to updates based on CDC or DOH guidelines.