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Richmond County Schools is committed to keeping our students safe and healthy. While we want students to be present, keeping a sick student home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the student the opportunity to rest and recover. Below you will find guidelines on when students should stay home and when they can return to school after illness.

**Students should stay home from school if they have any of the following:**

- Fever of 100.4 or higher in the last 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Rash with Fever
- Symptoms keeping student from participating in classroom activities:
  - Very tired, unable to focus or lack of appetite
  - Uncontrollable cough or frequent sneezing
  - Headache, body aches and/or earache
  - Bad sore throat-with or without fever and swollen glands or unable to control pain or swallow liquids
  - Eye drainage- thick mucus or pus from the eye or uncontrollable itching

**Students can return to school when:**

- Student has been fever free without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours.
- Student has not experienced vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours.
- Student beginning an antibiotic: 24 hours after first dose of medication.

**Additional Information:**

- This is a list of common symptoms experienced during common illnesses and is NOT an all-inclusive list.
- Please send a doctors note or parent note when your student returns to school from illness related absences.
- Please keep your contact information up to date should the school need to contact you if your student becomes ill at school. Sick students cannot remain at school and will need to be picked up.

*Recommendations compiled from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention(CDC) guidance on preventing the spread of illness. This information does not take the place of consulting a medical provider.*