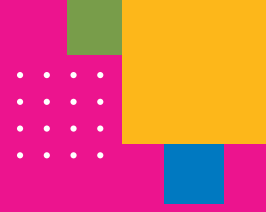


When to Keep Your Child Home from School or Child Care



Symptom of Illness

Sore throat

When should my child stay home and when can they return?

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty breathing or swallowing, or continuous drooling.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If an antibiotic is prescribed, take the first dose at least 12 hours before returning.



Cold symptoms, such as cough, stuffy/runny nose, sneeze

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Please consider wearing a mask if age 2 years or older.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for severe symptoms, including a bad cough, difficulty breathing or trouble catching their breath, or wheezing when not controlled by medication (like albuterol).

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING. If your child will need medication after returning, contact the site to let them know.



Ear or eye irritation, including pink eye

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS. Recommend frequent handwashing.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION for difficulty seeing or hearing, an eye injury, or pain they cannot tolerate.



Rash

OK TO ATTEND WITH MILD SYMPTOMS.

STAY HOME AND SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION if rash is worsening, causing pain, has blisters, or is not healing.

RETURN WHEN IMPROVING or as guided by health care provider. In general, for conditions such as lice, impetigo, ringworm, scabies, and pinworms, your child may return as soon as they start appropriate treatment.