



MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Is your child well enough to be at school?

It is not always easy to decide whether or not to send your child to school if they have symptoms of illness. Children who come to school are expected to participate fully in school activities including physical education and recess (unless a physician's written excuse is provided).

Here are some guidelines to help with decision-making:

1. **FEVER:** If your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C) or more keep your child home until 24 hours after the fever has resolved without giving fever-reducing medication. If your child develops a fever while at school, a parent or guardian will be contacted to make arrangements for the child to be picked up from school. Emergency contacts are called if a parent or guardian cannot be reached in a reasonable amount of time.
2. **VOMITING, DIARRHEA OR SEVERE NAUSEA:** These are symptoms to keep your child home until he/she is able to tolerate a normal diet for 24 hours after symptoms have resolved.
3. **INFECTIOUS DISEASE:** State law requires that in order to minimize or help prevent the spread of communicable disease, children should be kept home from school if they have a communicable disease such as strep throat, impetigo, pink eye, ringworm, lice, scabies. Children may return to school when they have received adequate treatment or are free of symptoms. A doctor's note may be required.
4. **RASHES:** Rashes or patches of broken, itchy skin need to be examined by a physician if they appear to be spreading or not improving. Some rashes may need to be covered while your child is at school.
5. **INJURIES:** If a student has an injury that causes continuous discomfort, the student should not attend school until a doctor examines it or it improves. Injuries that interfere with class participation need medical evaluation. If participation in PE class is not recommended or other physical restriction is advised, a physician's written excuse is required. Any pain medication that is required **MUST** be brought in by the parent/guardian and the appropriate medication form must be completed. (If medication is prescription, the treating physician must also complete and sign the form).