

Watauga County Schools WHEN TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE A SORE THROAT	I HAVE A COUGH
							
Temperature of 100.4°F or higher.	One event of vomiting, or vomiting with rash, fever and/or weakness. Vomiting within 24 hours.	One event of watery diarrhea or diarrhea with rash, fever or weakness. Diarrhea within 24 hours.	Body rash with fever or itching. Scabies - rash and itching. Impetigo - red, oozing blisters with yellow drainage. Chickenpox - if bumps are not scabbed and no new bumps within 2 days.	Itchy head from live lice or eggs (nits) that are closer than ½ inch to scalp.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye(s).	Sore throat with fever or severe sore throat without fever.	If cough is worse than you would expect with a cold, or if student has trouble breathing and/or student has fever with cough.

I AM READY TO RETURN TO SCHOOL WHEN...

Fever free without the assistance of fever reducing medication for 24 hours (i.e. Motrin, Advil, Tylenol).	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching and/or fever. Scabies - stay home for 24 hours after treatment begins and released from doctor to return to school. Impetigo -Call your doctor for treatment and release to return to school. Chickenpox - all bumps must be scabbed over and no new have shown up within 2 days.	All live lice have been removed. Eggs (nits) that are less than ½ inch from scalp have been removed.	Free from drainage and/or itching and redness or have been evaluated by your health care provider if needed.	If diagnosed with strep throat or another bacterial infection; student can return after 24 hours on antibiotic and health care provider has given your child permission to return to school.	Cough is more under control and cough is not distracting student from school activities.
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You should keep your student home from school if he/she is too sick to comfortably participate in classroom and other school activities. Your student could spread a contagious disease to other students and/or school faculty and staff. We encourage you to seek medical advice if you have any doubt about sending your student to school. Your student should not return to school until they are fever or symptom free for 24 hours or one school day. If your student begins to show any of the signs of illnesses above, it will be necessary for you to pick up your student. Please keep all emergency contact information up to date. If a student should become sick or injured at school, we must be able to contact you quickly. Absence notes should be sent to your student's teacher when returning to school. Please contact your school nurse if you have other questions or concerns.