



THE
STANLEY CLARK
SCHOOL

ILLNESS POLICY

To support the health and well-being of all students and staff, please follow the guidelines below when determining if your child should stay home due to illness. Children with a contagious illness, disease, or fever should not be sent to school.

- If your child is absent due to illness, please indicate the reason in **SchoolPass** (e.g., fever, strep, cough), or email the school nurse at **nurse@stanleyclark.org**.
- If a student becomes ill or injured during the school day, the **school nurse or a designated staff member** may send the student home and, if appropriate, recommend consulting a physician.
- If your child is sent home or develops any of the symptoms listed below during the school day, they should **remain home the following day**.

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME

- **Fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$)**- Must be **fever-free for one full school day** before returning. Fever must resolve **without the use of fever-reducing medications** (e.g., Tylenol, ibuprofen).
- **Severe Cold Symptoms or Persistent, Disruptive Cough** - May return when symptoms do not interfere with learning. Child should be able to **cover coughs, blow nose, and wash hands independently**.
- **Vomiting, Nausea, or Abdominal Pain** - Must stay home for a **full 24 hours after last vomiting episode**, without the use of medication.
- **Diarrhea** - Must stay home for a **full 24 hours after the last episode**, medication-free.
- **Rash** - Especially if accompanied by a fever or of unknown cause, or if spreading. Evaluation by a physician may be necessary.
- **Red or Pink Eyes with Discharge** (Suspected Pink Eye) - Should be evaluated by a physician. May return **24 hours after treatment begins**, or with a physician's note stating that treatment is not necessary.
- **Asthma** - Should remain home if symptoms are not well controlled, or a child is unable to recognize when he/she needs assistance. May return when symptoms are well controlled and/or an inhaler and asthma action plan are on file at school.
- **Contagious Illnesses and Conditions**
- **Strep Throat** - Stay home for at least **24 hours after beginning antibiotics**. Must be **fever-free without medication**. Please notify the school nurse.
- **Impetigo** - Stay home for at least **24 hours after starting treatment**. Notify the school nurse and provide a **physician's note**.
- **Chickenpox** - Stay home until **all lesions have crusted**, or, if no vesicles appear, until **no new lesions** have appeared for at least 24 hours.

- **Whooping Cough (Pertussis)** - If suspected, students must remain home pending test results. If confirmed, must stay home for **5 full days on antibiotics**. Notify the school nurse.
- **Measles** - Stay home until **4 days after rash onset**. Notify the school nurse.

MEASLES EXPOSURE (FOR NON-IMMUNIZED STUDENTS)

- Students with a medical or religious exemption must stay home from school and activities for 21 days after last exposure.
- Students who receive their first or second MMR vaccine during this time may return immediately.

OTHER REASONS TO STAY HOME

- **Injury or suspected fracture**
- **Head injury** - should stay home if symptomatic and consult with a physician. Please notify the school nurse.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Even mild illnesses affect students differently. A child who is coughing continuously or is clearly uncomfortable may not be ready to fully participate in the classroom and may be disruptive to others. When in doubt, err on the side of rest and recovery.