



### **Policy: General Illness Policy**

It is the purpose of this policy to prevent and control the transmission of general illness and to promote health and wellness within the Thornton Academy community.

Students and staff members should stay home when sick or ill. Please use the guidelines below

Stay home if:

- You have a temperature of 100.4\* F or greater. A student/staff member should not return to school until he/she has been fever-free (without the use of fever-reducing medicines) for at least 24 hours
- You are exhibiting flu symptoms (fever of 100.4\* F or greater with a cough or sore throat, fatigue, body aches, vomiting, and/or diarrhea)
- You are experiencing gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, and/or diarrhea) that present with or without a fever
- Severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficult breathing, or prolonged coughing

Mild respiratory or cold symptoms such as a stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough, and no fever elevation do not necessarily require a student to be kept home from school if he/she is able to participate in school activities. See communicable disease policy for further information related to COVID-19.

Thornton Academy reserves the right to exercise clinical discretion from the nursing team and/or our school physicians in limiting a student, staff member, or visitor's access to or participation in school/campus-related activities if the health or well-being of an individual or the school community may be at risk.