

Mount Olive Township School District

Prevention of Communicable Illness Policies and Guidance 2025 - 2026

Condition	Symptoms and Signs	Exclusion Criteria	See Healthcare Provider	Return to school guidance	Policies Board Docs Link
Vomiting (with or without diarrhea)	Nausea or abdominal cramps leading to emesis of stomach contents.	Unable to retain fluids/food. Continued nausea and or diarrhea	If repetitive longer than 24 hours or showing signs of dehydration	Vomit-free for 24 hours without the use of medicines.	
Upper Respiratory Illnesses / Flu Like Illnesses	Runny nose, congestion, sneezing, mild sore throat, mild to no fever, fatigue.	Fever over 100.0 degrees, test positive for Influenza, Covid 19, or other communicable URI with symptoms of excessive cough, sneeze, mucus production or congestion.	If symptoms worsening or not improving	Improving symptoms, able to participate comfortably. If prescribed medication, may return 24 hours after starting. Must be fever-free for 24 hours w/o fever reducing medication.	
Sore throat, severe	Red throat, discomfort or pain with swallowing , additionally may have white patches, red dots on roof of mouth, sandpaper like rash on chest, strawberry-like tongue	Positive for STREP diagnosis. Exclude for fever over 100.0 degrees	Yes	If prescribed antibiotic, may return 24 hours after starting AND symptoms improving. Must be fever-free x24 hours w/o fever reducing medication.	
Skin Wounds with pus, MRSA	Red bumps that progress to pus filled boils or abscesses.	If cannot keep covered, exclude until resolved.	Yes	Medical clearance and 24 hours following starting medication.	
Ringworm	Circular well demarcated lesion that can involve the face, trunk, or limbs. Itching is common.	Cover if able and refer for treatment at the end of school day and exclude until treatment has been started.	Yes	Medical clearance and 24 hours after treatment started.	
Pink Eye / Conjunctivitis	Reddened conjunctiva with white or yellow discharge, often with matted eyelids after sleep. May have eye pain, itching, excessive rubbing of eyes, or redness of the eyelids or skin surrounding the eye. May affect one or both eyes.	Exclude when discharge is not clear, excessive itching or rubbing of eyes.	For proper diagnosis	With medical clearance. If prescribed medication, may return 24 hours after starting.	
Mononucleosis/Epste in Barr/Hepatitis	Fever, sore throat, swollen lymph nodes, extreme fatigue, possible spleen tenderness	Fever, pain or extreme fatigue	Yes	Medical clearance with guidance to return to physical activities.	
Impetigo	Fluid-filled bumps or blisters, usually on face around mouth. Forms crusted yellow scabs when sores are opened.	Draining or weeping. Exclude until rash is dry.	Yes	No open weeping sores, Medical clearance.	
Fever	Warm body temp, chills	Exclude for fever over 100.0 degrees.	Fever above 102.7 degrees	Fever free for 24 hours without use of medicines .	
Earache	Pressure, pain of ear, sensitive to sounds	Fever, redness, drainage	Yes, if symptoms worsening or not improving	If prescribed antibiotic, may return 24 hours after starting AND symptoms improving. Must be fever-free for 24 hours w/o fever reducing medication.	
Diarrhea	Watery stool or looser than usual.	2 or more loose, watery bowel movements above normal over 24 hours. Exclude diapered children whose stool is not contained in the diaper.	Stool with mucous or blood or symptoms NOT improving	Until free of diarrhea for 24 hours , without the use of medication and symptoms are improving.	
Coxsackie Virus (HFV)	Fever, sore throat, fatigue, mouth ulcers, rash which may blister on hands and feet.	Fever and great discomfort.	Symptoms not improving, signs of dehydration.	No open weeping sores. Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.	
Cough	New cough, frequent, interferes with daily activities	New onset with other symptoms, persistent, and/or causing difficulty breathing.	If symptoms worsening or not improving	Improved symptoms and able to participate comfortably.	Cough drops / lozenges at elementary level require order from helathcare provider
Sources:					
School Exclusion List NJ.gov	school exclusion list revised	Communicable Disease Service School Health	Kids Health	5310 HEALTH SERVICES	R 5310 HEALTH SERVICES (M)