



When trying to decide whether a child should be sent to school or kept at home, consider these guidelines when making those decisions.

Children should be kept at home if they have experienced any of these symptoms the night before or morning of school.

Nausea or vomiting: two or more times

Diarrhea: two or more loose, watery stools

Fever: oral temperature 100 degrees or higher

Any drainage from the ear

Unknown skin rash that hasn't been evaluated by doctor

Any skin sores that are draining and can't be kept clean with bandage

Wheezing, croupy cough and/or cough producing green mucous

Ringworm: fungal infection that hasn't been evaluated by a doctor

Please call your child's primary care provider for advice regarding treatment. Some conditions will require a prescription medication and child will need to be seen by the provider. Your child's school may ask for proof of evaluation from the primary care provider. Follow the instructions from the provider about when to return to school.

Please follow any additional guidelines your child's school has regarding attendance and infectious illnesses. Your cooperation with these guidelines will help keep a healthy school environment for your child.

Common Contagious Conditions:

Chickenpox	Stay out of school for the first six days or until last blister has dried/crusted.
Fifth Disease	May attend school with the rash if the child feels well. Please inform the school if your child has been diagnosed with this due to some precautions needing to be made for exposure. Pregnant women should notify their health care provider of any known exposure to fifth disease.
Head Lice	May return to school after treatment with special shampoo or oil treatment. All live bugs must be removed from hair. Parent must accompany child to school for hair to be checked prior to returning to class.
Seasonal Flu	If you are sick with flu-like illness, the recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to stay at home for at least 24 hours after fever is gone (without using fever reducing medication).
Norovirus	Should remain at home for 24 hours after last episode of vomiting and diarrhea. Good handwashing should be strictly enforced.
Pink Eye	Depending on diagnosis from health care provider: may be contagious and need to be on medication.