
ILLNESS PROTOCOL

Illness Guidelines for School Attendance

Student and employees who are ill at school increase the risk of spreading illness, leading to high absenteeism throughout the school. To help prevent this, school staff educate students on proper hand hygiene and encourage regular handwashing or sanitizing. Illness negatively impacts a child's ability to learn and can disrupt the classroom environment.

Students and employees should not attend school when sick. **Unless otherwise specified the Return Criteria is:** The student may return 24 hours after symptoms subside **OR** Student must complete 24 hours of treatment if antibiotics are required.

Please keep your child home if they have the following illnesses:

- **Any student, which due to illness, is unable to participate in educational learning or school activities**
- Chickenpox; **Return Criteria:** until all lesions are dry/crusted
- Contagious illnesses (e.g., COVID, Influenza, Pneumonia, Stomach Flu, Strep) before the isolation period ends
- Persistent Cough (unless Allergies or Asthma are verified by their Healthcare Provider and no other symptoms of illness are present)
- Diarrhea (increased frequency of stools, loose stools or inability to control or contain feces)
- *Untreated earache (with or without discharge)
- Fever $\geq 100.4^{\circ}\text{F}$: **Return Criteria: must be fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever reducing medication**
- Headache: (with other symptoms or affecting participation)
- Infected eyes: red sclera with/without discharge; **Return criteria:** *If antibiotics are required: Student must complete 24 hours of treatment before returning. *If no antibiotics are required: Student may return 24 hours after symptoms subside.
- Nausea or vomiting
- *Untreated persistent runny/green nasal discharge (unless Allergies or Asthma are verified by their Healthcare Provider and no other symptoms of illness are present)
- Stomachache
- Sore throat
- Rash with fever, discharge, behavioral changes, or other symptoms. (School RN may require a healthcare provider's note to confirm student is not contagious). Some rashes may not be due to an illness (e.g. eczema, contact dermatitis, heat rash, etc.). **If a rash is not due to an illness a student may be able to stay at school at the discretion of the School RN.**
- **Contagious Skin Conditions:** Students with untreated contagious conditions (e.g., Impetigo, Ringworm, Scabies) or any weeping/open sores must be excluded if the drainage cannot be contained. **Return Criteria: *If antibiotics are required:** Student must complete 24 hours of treatment before returning. ***If no antibiotics are required:** Student may return once the lesion is dry and can be fully covered by a clean bandage secured on all four sides with no leakage.
- **Lice are not considered an illness, but are included in this document for your information.** A student who has been found to have lice may remain in school until the end of the day. Once they have been treated with a lice shampoo, and completed the other requirements found in CCSD Lice Protocol they may return to school.

This list is not all-inclusive. Other illnesses may warrant exclusion from school.

The Cache County School District reserves the right to exclude students for health concerns. If your child becomes ill at school, you or your emergency contact must pick them up immediately. Please ensure emergency contact information is up to date.

****Medical treatment: Evaluation and treatment by a healthcare professional.***