

WALLER ISD

HEALTH SERVICES

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Keeping Sick Children at Home

A sick child who is unable to participate in school in a meaningful way should be kept home to rest and recover until symptoms resolve.

Keeping a sick child home also protects other children, school staff, and visiting community members from contracting an illness that can be spread from person to person.

Please be aware of the following state guidelines for school attendance:

- **Fever:** A child must remain home with fever equal to or $> 100^{\circ}$ F and may only return after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin.
- **Diarrhea/Vomiting:** A child with diarrhea and/or vomiting must stay at home and may return to school only after being symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye):** When symptoms of pink eye are present, a child may return to school with clearance from a physician or once symptom free.
- **Rashes:** Common infectious diseases with rashes are most contagious in the early stages. A child with a suspicious rash must stay at home and may return to school after a health care provider has made a diagnosis and authorizes the child's return to school in writing or symptoms have resolved completely.

If you take your child to a healthcare provider for an evaluation of illness or injury, please be sure to request a written letter stating when your child may return to school and any accommodations required upon his/her return.

A healthy school community requires parents and schools to partner with each other. To prevent/minimize local outbreaks of contagious disease, parents must keep children who have an illness that can be spread from person to person at home. WISD school nurses will exclude students with symptoms of a communicable illness from school attendance.