



Health Offices
Edgemont School District
Scarsdale, New York 10583

When to Keep a Child Home

- **Fever:** Your child must be fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. If fever-reducing medication is used, the 24-hour period begins 8 hours after the last dose of the medication.
- **Vomiting and Diarrhea:** Vomiting must be resolved for at least 24 hours, including overnight, with your child able to keep down food and liquids. Students should be Diarrhea free for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Contagious Illnesses:** For conditions requiring antibiotics, such as strep throat or pink eye, your child must complete a full 24 hours of antibiotic treatment before returning to school. Other contagious illnesses may require doctor clearance.
- **Respiratory Symptoms:** Cough, congestion, or other respiratory symptoms should be improving overall for at least 24 hours before your child returns to school. Children should be well enough to participate in daily school activities.
- **Skin Sores or Rashes:** If your child develops a skin rash/sores it is important to consult with your doctor. Some skin rashes can indicate infectious illness and other rashes may require antibiotic treatment. Fevers associated with rashes must be evaluated and treated before returning to school and a doctor's note is required.
- **Lice:** If your child is diagnosed with lice, please contact the Health office. It is advised that your child be treated as soon as possible to avoid further spread to other children in the class. Your child must be cleared by the Health office nurse before returning to school.

Please note that, based on your child's symptoms, the school nurse may determine that your child needs to remain home for other health-related reasons, based on their professional judgment. The school nurse may also require a medical provider's clearance note before your child can return to school.

Please call your school or school nurse to let them know if your child has a confirmed diagnosis of an illness that can spread to others.

QUESTIONS: If you have any questions regarding your child's health or are unsure whether you should send your child to school, please do not hesitate to contact the Health office and speak to our nurses. We welcome your communication and look forward to assisting you in your child's healthcare needs.