



## Should I Keep my Child Home from School Today?

The following guidelines have been approved by the board of Education to assist school staff when making decisions regarding sending students home from school for health concerns.

### **YES! if he/she has:**

- **Fever of 100° or higher:** Your child should be free of a fever (100° or above) for 24 hours without anti-fever medication before returning to school.
- **Vomiting:** Your child should be free from vomiting for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Diarrhea:** Your child should be free of diarrhea for at least 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Persistent cough, fatigue, headache, or other cold symptoms:** Many of these symptoms can affect a child's ability to participate in classroom activities.
- **Sore throat with difficulty swallowing:** If strep throat is suspected, your child should have a negative throat culture or treatment with antibiotics for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Signs of ringworm or other contagious skin rash:** Your child should receive treatment for ringworm for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **Red, watering, burning eyes:** Your child should be free from eye drainage (yellow/green) for 24 hours before returning to school and/or treated for 24 hours with antibiotics for suspected infection.
- **Active case of head lice:** Student has live lice on scalp/hair and or there are nits within ¼ inch of the scalp. Student maybe excluded at the end of the school day and return after treatment with a pediculicide and a decrease in the presence of current nits without the presence of new nits within ¼ inch of scalp.
- **Severe headache, stomachache (severe or persistent pain), or earache.**
- **Wheezing or coughing in an asthmatic episode which is not relieved by prescribed medication.**
- **Injuries that require medical attention.**
- **Severe emotional concerns.**
- **Is unable to participate in class:** Your child should look and act like him/herself for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make arrangements for child care in the event a child would develop signs of a communicable disease or other illness/injury that prevents the child from functioning in the classroom.

We ask you to keep your child home from school for the recommended time for the following reasons:

- Your child may be contagious and easily pass illness to the other children and school staff
- Your child may not be healthy enough to return to school and their resistance will be low. This means he/she will be more likely to catch an illness from another student.

Thank you for all you do making our school a healthy place for students to learn and grow!