



Dear Parents,

It is often difficult to know when to keep your child home from school due to illness. Exclusion from school is warranted when your child is either too ill to participate in the learning activities, or the condition creates an unhealthy environment for others. Following these guidelines will help you make the best decision to protect your child and the school community. Keep your child home if you see:

- Fever – a temperature higher than 100.5 F
- Lethargy
- Weeping rash, or a rash associated with a fever
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting – twice in 24 hours.
- Irritability or persistent crying
- Pink eye with a lot of crusting, tearing, or mucous discharge
- Severe congestion causing difficulty breathing with or without a persistent exhausting cough

Children treated for:

- Strep throat and impetigo may return after 24 hours of antibiotics.
- Scabies and head lice may return after one treatment.
- Pertussis may return after 5 days of antibiotics.

Frequent hand washing habits consistently prove to be one of the best defenses against illness. On a regular routine basis, please check your children for lice and ticks. This habit is the best prevention and control method. If you have other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Health Office at extension 1190.

Sincerely yours,
Carol Nicholas
School Nurse

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Medical Director