



When to Keep Your Student Home from School

There are times when your student should not attend school. Keeping your student home at these times will prevent the spread of illness to other students at school.

If you have questions, please contact your School Nurse, _____.

ILLNESS	WHAT TO DO?
Difficulty breathing or other signs of serious illness	Keep student home. See Healthcare Provider. **See COVID-19
Chickenpox	Keep student home until they have no new sores for 24 hours AND all sores are dried and crusted. **During an outbreak of chickenpox, students who are <u>NOT</u> vaccinated for chickenpox (Varicella) and have been in close contact with someone sick with the infection will not be allowed at school for 21 days after they were last exposed to chickenpox, even if not sick.
COVID-19 (positive antigen or PCR/molecular test)	Keep student home until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms (or specimen collection date if asymptomatic); AND • It has been at least 24 hours since the student had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND • Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving **Student should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the first day of symptoms to minimize the risk of infecting others, unless an exemption to mask use applies. The student may remove their mask sooner following 2 sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.
COVID-19 symptoms, including: • Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • Headache • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea	Keep student home until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student has received a negative PCR/molecular test for COVID-19 OR an alternate diagnosis from a healthcare provider AND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It has been at least 24 hours since the student had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND o They have felt well for at least 24 hours <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It has been at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms AND o It has been at least 24 hours since the student had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); AND o Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving **Unless student has received a negative PCR/molecular test or

	alternate diagnosis, they should wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days after the first day of symptoms to minimize the risk of infecting others, unless an exemption to mask use applies. The student may remove their mask sooner following 2 sequential negative tests 48 hours apart.
Diarrhea that cannot be controlled and/or has blood/mucus in it or with a fever	Keep student home. See Healthcare Provider. **See COVID-19
Fever with oral temperature 100.4 F or higher and not feeling well enough to participate in class	Keep student home until fever-free for 24 hours <u>without</u> using fever-reducing medicine such as Motrin or Tylenol **See COVID-19
Head lice	If lice are first found at school, student may stay until end of the day but may not return until treatment has been started and all live lice are gone.
Illness that prevents the student from taking part in class activities easily	Student may return to school when able to take part in activities.
Impetigo	Keep student home until 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.
MRSA	Keep student home if sore is draining and cannot be covered with a clean, dry bandage. Keep student home if they cannot keep from picking at sore.
Pink eye with white or yellow discharge or eye pain	Keep student home until seen by a healthcare provider and 24 hours after 1 st dose of medicine, if prescribed.
Rash with fever or behavior change	Keep student home until seen by a healthcare provider and treated if needed.
Ringworm	If ringworm is first found at school, student may stay until end of the day if it can be covered. Student may not return until treatment has been started. Area must remain covered until completely healed.
Scabies	Student must stay home until after treatment is complete.
Strep throat	Keep student home until 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.
Vomiting 2 or more times within 24 hours	Keep student home until able to tolerate regular diet. **See COVID-19