

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE ABSENSE GUIDELINES

It is very important to keep ill children at home in order to maintain a healthy school. Please use the following chart as a guideline for keeping children home from school and taking them to the doctor if necessary.

Chicken Pox	Suspected cases must be confirmed/ruled-out by physician. Once diagnosed exclusion is 6 days after appearance of skin eruptions, or until scabs are all crusted. OR recommendation of physician with a note.
Common Cold	If fever is greater than 100°F, or if excessive cough is present.
Diarrhea/Vomiting	Until 24 hours after the last occurrence of diarrhea or vomiting.
Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)	Red/Inflamed eye with drainage or crusted eyelids – Should NOT attend school during the acute stage. Antibiotic eye drops from a physician may be required.
“Fifth Disease”	Exclude for fever only.
Impetigo	Until lesions are healed or documented under physician’s treatment.
Measles	During cold symptoms and 5 days after appearance of rash.
Mumps	Nine days following onset of swelling.
Head Lice	Live lice must be removed with proper and effective treatment.
Ringworm	Exclusion not necessary, however medical treatment must be initiated (typically antifungal cream).
German Measles (Rubella)	5 days after appearance of rash.
Scabies	Need doctor’s note stating student is under medical treatment.
Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever	Must be on antibiotics for 24 hours.
ALL RASHES	Must be excluded until seen by a doctor and may return to school with a note from the doctor stating they are not contagious (or date when they are safe to return).
Fever or Influenza-like Illnesses	Any fever over 100°F must remain at home until 24 hours fever-free. For Influenza-like illnesses it is recommended to make sure the child feels like resuming daily activities before returning to school even without a fever.
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	Exclusion until diagnosed and cleared by a doctor to return to school. Doctor’s note required. If fever is present, child needs to remain home until 24 hours fever-free as well.

ILLNESS DURING SCHOOL HOURS

The school nurse is required to send student home with fevers over 100°F or for any of the above mentioned illnesses. If your child is sent home from school ill, it is important for them to be picked up PROMPTLY and to follow policy on not returning to school until symptom-free for 24 hours or until the proper medical treatment as been initiated.

Please be sure the office has your most UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFORMATION!