



School Nursing

GUIDELINES* FOR EXCLUDING A STUDENT FROM SCHOOL

1. Fever = Oral Temperature 101° or higher (keep at home until fever-free without fever reducer for 24 hours.)
2. Rash with fever or behavior change (until seen by a doctor.)
3. Illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in program activities.
4. Difficulty breathing or other signs of serious illness.
5. Diarrhea that cannot be contained, has blood/mucus in it, or with a fever.
6. Vomiting two or more times in previous 24 hours.
7. Pink eye with white or yellow discharge (until seen by a doctor and 24 hours after 1st dose of medication if prescribed.)
8. Strep throat (until 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.)
9. Head lice (until treated and nits removed as per school policy: has separate educational resource.)
10. Scabies (until treatment is complete.)
11. Chicken pox (until the sixth or seventh day of onset of the rash or sooner if all sores are dried and crusted.)
12. Flu-like symptoms that include fever, feverishness and chills, cough, sore throat, runny nose, muscle pain, fatigue and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.
13. Impetigo (until 24 hours after antibiotics have been started.)

*These are guidelines per the American Academy of Pediatrics. There are times when different criteria are used based on child and circumstances. Please consult with the school nurse for exceptions. If you have any questions, please contact your School Nurse at _____.

Reference:

American Academy of Pediatrics (2009) Managing Infections Disease in Child Care and Schools, second edition