

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

If your child is not feeling well, concern for his/her well-being and the possibility of infecting others should contribute to the decision about whether your child should stay home from school.

Keep your child home if any of the following are present:

1. A fever of 100 (oral) or higher
 2. Multiple episode vomiting (2 or more times in past 24 hours)
 3. Diarrhea (24 hours symptom free)
 4. Persistent cough producing mucus or shortness of breath
 5. Sore throat accompanied by fever or other symptoms such as swollen, tender glands in the neck, body aches and fatigue
 6. Rash if accompanied by fever and / or sore throat or behavioral changes
 7. Student is lethargic and feels sick and cannot participate comfortably in normal school activities.
- **Students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.**
 - **Students experiencing multiple episodes of vomiting and/or diarrhea should be kept home 24 hours after symptoms subside.**
 - **Students placed on antibiotic therapy for bacterial conditions such a strep throat or pink eye, must be on medication for at least 24 hours before returning to school.**

Please make sure that the school and your child have a phone number where you can be reached during the day if symptoms develop or worsen and your child needs to be sent home. Your physician is the best person to consult if you are concerned about your child's illness or if symptoms worsen or persist longer than 24-48 hours.

<u>Disease / Condition</u>	<u>Minimum time out of school</u>
Strep throat	24 hours after start of antibiotic therapy
Scarlet fever	24 hours after start of antibiotic therapy
Conjunctivitis (Pink eye)	24 hours after start of antibiotic therapy
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	5 days after start of antibiotic therapy (or a negative PRC test)
Pneumonia, Bronchitis Croup	Variable depending on causative organism and response to treatment; usually 2-7 days
Chicken Pox	For at least 5-7 days after rash appears or until all lesions are completely dry and scabbed over.
Vomiting and/or Diarrhea	24 hours after symptoms stop.
Influenza (respiratory)	5 days from onset of symptoms and meeting all other criteria
Upper respiratory infections	Variable depending of causative organism and severity of symptoms.