



IS YOUR CHILD TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

Guidelines for Keeping Students Home from School Due to an Illness

Keep your child home from school if:

- Your child was sick with vomiting or watery diarrhea within the last 24 hours (students need to be free of vomiting and diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school).
- Your child had a fever of 100° F or higher at any time within the last 24 hours (students must be without fever for 24 hours without fever reducing medications before returning to school).
- Your child is being treated for strep throat (your child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before coming back to school).
- Your child has a lasting cough or a cold with fever and body aches.
- Your child has been diagnosed with a communicable disease such as head lice, ringworm, scabies, pink eye etc. (students may return to school once the recommended timeframe of treatment has been completed. Consult with your physician **and** school to determine when child can return).

Communicable Diseases:

The school may send a student home if it appears that she/he may have a contagious illness. The parent may be asked to provide a doctor's note indicating the symptoms have been evaluated before the student is allowed to return to school. The Ohio Department of Health Communicable Disease Chart serves as the guidelines for determining the recommendations for the student.

***In some instances the Guidelines for Keeping Students Home listed above are modified to prevent or contain an illness outbreak in a school.**

*Please call your doctor or school nurse if you have any questions or concerns,
or if your child does not seem to be getting better.*

A cold without fever should not be a reason to stay home from school.

GOOD HANDWASHING PREVENTS THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS