

Two reasons to keep a sick child home

- The child does not feel well enough to participate comfortably in usual activities.
- The illness is on the list of symptoms or illness for which temporary exclusion is recommended for the health and safety of your child as well as other children.

Children with the following symptoms should be kept (excluded) from school:

Symptom	Child must be at home?
Fever: Elevated temperature of 100o F or greater demonstrates the need to exclude the student from the school setting. <u>Note:</u> A fever is noted to be present at 100.4oF.	YES - when accompanied by behavior changes or other symptoms of illness, i.e.: rash, sore throat, stomach ache/vomiting, diarrhea, coughing, head ache, ear ache. The student should be fever free (oral temperature below 99o F) without the use of fever-reducing medicines, for a complete school day (24 hours) before returning to school.
Flu Symptoms: Fever over 100o F or greater with cough and/or sore throat. Other flu symptoms can include fatigue, body aches, vomiting and/or diarrhea.	YES - for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
Coughing: Severe uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficult breathing; coughing lasting longer than 5-7 days.	Yes - medical attention is necessary.
Mild Respiratory or cold Symptoms: Stuffy nose with clear drainage, sneezing, mild cough; no temperature elevation.	NO - may attend if able to participate in school activities.
Vomiting: Two or more episodes of vomiting in the past 24 hours.	YES - until vomiting resolves (no further vomiting for 24 hours). Observe for other signs of illness and for dehydration.
Diarrhea: Frequent, loose or watery stools compared to child's normal pattern; not caused by diet or medication.	YES - if the child looks or acts ill; if the child has diarrhea with temperature elevation of 100o F or greater; if child has diarrhea and vomiting.
Rash WITH Fever: A body rash <i>without</i> fever or behavior changes usually does not require exclusion from school; seek medical advice.	YES - see medical advice. Any rash that spreads quickly, has open, weeping wounds and/or is not healing should be evaluated.

Children with the following illness should be kept (excluded) from school:

Illness	Child must be at home?
Conjunctivitis Pink/reddish color to white part of the eye <i>and</i> thick discharge may be yellow or greenish in color.	YES - discharge and signs of infection have cleared or completion of 24 hour treatment with ophthalmic solution prescribed by a health care provider.
Head lice or scabies	YES - Treatment initiated then cleared by nurse. <u>Note:</u> Strict adherence to product directions is essential for successful eradication of parasites.
Impetigo (to include: streptococci, staphylococcus, MRSA infections) Blister like lesions which develop into pustules. May "weep" and crust.	Yes - for 24 hours after medical treatment initiated. <u>Note:</u> Lesions must be covered for school attendance.
Ringworm	NO - Under care of medical care provider <u>Note:</u> Lesions must be covered for school attendance.
Vaccine Preventable Diseases Measles, Mumps, Rubella, (German Measles), Chicken pox, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Influenza	YES - until determined not infectious by medical care provider.