

StudentsIllness

School health personnel work under the supervision and direction of the school physician for all matters pertaining to school health.

The school nurse is on duty during the school day to treat any accident, illness or injury. If treatment other than first aid is required, the school notifies the parent. In the absence of a parent, the family physician, school physician, or emergency contact may be called.

For the health safety of other children, parents are requested to keep their children with colds home for at least the first 48 hours. Children complaining of sore throats, coughing, sneezing, vomiting, skin eruption or fever should remain home until the symptoms disappear. Children with encrusted red lesions of the skin, especially around the nose, mouth and ear lobes may be excluded from school by the school nurse. Readmission will be allowed after lesions have cleared or by a physician's written statement, following personal diagnosis, that the condition is not contagious.

Contagious Disease

If, in the opinion of the school nurse, a child appears to have a communicable disease or is reasonably considered to be a carrier of a communicable disease, the school nurse may require the exclusion of such child from school, either until the child no longer appears to be contagious, or until the child is certified as being non-contagious by a treating physician.

Parents are requested to notify the school health office if their child has a contagious disease. The following is an exclusion schedule for communicable diseases:

1. Chicken Pox: Until blisters are well crusted - approximately one week.
2. German Measles: Until no rash or fever for 2 days - approximately one week.
3. Measles: Until no rash or fever for 2 days - approximately one week.
4. Mumps: Until no swelling, tenderness or fever for 72 hours.
5. Scarlet Fever: Two days after institution of penicillin therapy provided temperature is normal for 24 hours.

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6. Strep Throat: After 48 hours of antibiotic treatment.
7. Whooping Cough: Until no fever and no cough. Note of readmission from doctor is required.
8. Pink-Eye or Conjunctivitis: Note of readmission from doctor is required.
9. Common Cold: From onset for a minimum of 48 hours.
10. Impetigo: Until lesions start to dry. Readmission note from doctor is required.
11. Ringworm: Until lesions start to dry. Readmission note from doctor is required.
12. Head Lice: After special head lice shampoo and removal of all nits.

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