

Illness in Schools Protocol

To help curb the spread of illness and infection to others,
the following guidelines or protocol are recommended

If during the previous 12 hours your child has exhibited one or more of the following, please keep them home from school:

- **Any illness that prevents the child from participating comfortably in activities as determined by the school staff**
- **The illness results in a greater need for care than the staff can provide, OR**
- **The child has one or more of the following conditions:**
 - COVID-19 infection-** the student should remain at home as instructed for the appropriate amount of days of isolation.
 - Fever-** especially a temperature of over 100 degrees F orally, tympanic (ear) or temporal/forehead
 - Even if the child is being treated for the fever with over-the-counter remedies such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Tylenol and/or Ibuprofen treat the symptom of a fever but not the cause of the fever
 - Bad Colds-** especially during the phase of a very runny nose (including a green or yellow running nose), coughing and sneezing
 - Any unexplained rash** especially if the rash is accompanied with fever, behavioral changes or if the child is uncomfortable due to itching, pain or discomfort
 - Vomiting**
 - Diarrhea**
 - Mouth sores** with uncontrolled drooling
 - A severe or “croupy” cough** that has not been treated and is not controlled
 - Ear infection-** earache with or without discharge from the ear
 - Severe abdominal pain**
 - Less severe abdominal pain** that continues longer than 2 hours
 - Unexplained loss of taste of smell**
 - Strep throat-** the student may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun
 - Impetigo-** the student may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has begun
 - Ring Worm or Scabies-** the student may return to school after treatment has begun
 - Head Lice-** the student may return to school after treatment has begun and provided there are no live bugs in the hair
 - Chicken Pox-** the student may return to school when all the lesions have dried or crusted (about 1 week after onset of the rash)

This list is certainly not all inclusive. There may be other illnesses or conditions that may require that your child remain at home.

If your child becomes ill at school or he/she arrives at school ill, you or designee will be contacted to pick up your child as soon as possible. Please be certain that your child's teacher and the school have emergency contact numbers for you, your family or designated neighbor or friend who would be willing to pick up and care for your child if he/she becomes ill at school. Please keep your child home for the remainder of the school day and/or any additional school days to ensure that the illness has resolved.