

School – When to Stay Home

It is our goal for students to attend classes every day school is in session. However, there are times when students need to stay home for their own health and/or the health and safety of others. Below are some guidelines to help families decide when to keep students at home:

- **Diagnosed Strep Throat or Bacterial Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye):** Must stay home 24 hours after first dose of antibiotics.
- **Diarrhea:** Three or more loose or watery stools in a 24-hour period, especially if the student feels ill. Students should stay home for 24 hours after the last watery stool.
- **Eyes:** Draining mucus or pus or that have unusual redness, itchiness or pain not due to injury or allergy.
- **Fatigue:** Students who are unusually tired, pale, lack appetite, or who are difficult to wake, confused, or unusually irritable.
- **Fever:** Temperature 100 degrees Fahrenheit or over. Students need to stay home for 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without the help of fever-reducing medications such as Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen.
- **Live Lice:** Students may return to school once treatment has begun.
- **Persistent Coughing:** Students who are unable to participate in classroom activities due to persistent coughing should stay home.
- **Rash:** Unknown origin or those known to be contagious such as ringworm, impetigo or scabies. Students may return to school as soon as treatment has begun.
- **Vomiting:** Two or more times during the last 24 hours, especially if the student feels ill. Students should stay home for 24 hours after the last time they vomited.

If your student shows any of the above symptoms at school you may be called to pick him/her up. We suggest that you also consult your health care provider.

Please consult your school nurse or health care provider if you are unsure whether or not your student should miss school due to health conditions.

Remember to report the reason for your student's absence to the office staff or school nurse according to your school's official policies/procedures.