

Health Protocol School Year 24-25

Should it be determined that your child cannot be in school you will need to make arrangements to have your child picked up immediately to ensure the health and safety of students and staff.

Your child will not be allowed at school and will be sent home if the following condition(s) are present:

- 1. Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 must remain at home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms have improved. Upon return, we will recommend that students and staff wear a mask. Students and staff members who test positive for COVID-19 but have no symptoms it is also recommended to wear a mask upon return to school. Students may be sent home for multiple illness symptoms.
- 2. Fever of 100.4° or higher. Students and Staff must be fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) before returning to school.
- 3. Persistent cough that interferes with learning for the student and class.
- **4.** Sore throat with fever and/or white spots on the throat. <u>If strep throat is diagnosed (note required)</u>, the child must be on antibiotic medication and fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medication) before returning to school.
- 5. Rash with/without fever and/or signs of illness or behavioral changes. (i.e. chicken pox, measles, etc.) Even non-contagious rash conditions can be a symptom of a health condition....even if it is just unsightly, uncomfortable, or itchy. Medical attention may be needed to reduce symptoms or disease risks.
- **6.** Vomited (not caused by motion sickness or a gag reflex unassociated with illness) A child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
- 7. Diarrhea of two (2) or more loose/watery stools in a 24-hour period unless other signs of illness are present. A child must be free of symptoms for 24 hours before returning to school.
- **8.** Skin sores on an exposed surface are weeping fluid and cannot be covered.
- **9.** Red, itchy, and purulent draining eyes. If conjunctivitis or "pink eye" is diagnosed, the child must be on medication for 24 hours before returning to school. If not diagnosed by medical provider student must remain out until symptoms have cleared.
- 10. Prolonged and/or persistent headache or stomachache that does not resolve.
- 11. Swelling or pain at a level that may interfere with learning.
- 12. Earache with severe discomfort and/or fever.
- 13. Toothache with facial swelling and/or fever.
- **14.** Active (live) Head Lice. A child must remain at home until treatment with pediculicide. A child may return to school if there are no live lice present. Please notify the Health Office as the student must be cleared to attend class.

Please feel free to contact the school health office with any questions. Thank you.