

The Center for Creativity, Innovation and Discovery

Policy on Guidelines for Keeping an Ill Student Home

An ill student cannot learn effectively and is unable to participate in classes in a meaningful way. Keeping an ill student home prevents the spread of illness in the school community and allows the student an opportunity to rest and recover.

If your child becomes ill at school or he/she arrives at school sick, a parent/guardian or someone listed on student's emergency card will be contacted to pick up the child as soon as possible. Contagious infections and diseases pose a significant health risk for everyone.

Please keep your child home from school if he/she has exhibited one or more of the following:

- **Diarrhea or vomiting** A student with diarrhea and/or vomiting should stay at home and return to school only after being symptom free for 24 hours.
- **Measurable temperature** (100 or higher) The student should remain home with a fever greater than 100 degrees. The student can return to school after he/she has been fever free for 24 hours without medication.
- **Rashes:** Common infectious diseases with rashes are most contagious in the early stages. A student with a suspicious rash should return to school only after a healthcare provider has made a diagnosis and authorized the student's return to school.
- **Conjunctivitis (Pink Eye):** A student with redness in the eye(s) AND white, green, or yellow discharge must be excluded from school until seen by a healthcare provider. If there is a diagnosis of pink eye, the student is given an antibiotic. The student may then return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- **Strep Throat:** After a diagnosis of strep throat, the student may return to school after being on antibiotics for 24 hours.
- **Ear infection / ache**
- **Severe or croupy cough** that has not been treated.
- **Contagious diseases** such as influenza, chicken pox, pneumonia, etc. for which the contagion has not passed or for which medical treatment has been in effect for less than 24 hours.
- **Other contagious, untreated infections:** lice, ringworm, impetigo, yellow to green discharge from the nose, etc.