

School attendance is important for student success, but it is better for children to remain home when they:

- have a **fever** of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater. They should be fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of medicine before they return. Please consider keeping a child home if he or she has a low-grade fever along with additional symptoms.
- are **vomiting** or have **diarrhea**. They should be symptom-free for 24 hours without the aid of medications before they return.
- have a bad **cough** or persistent **runny nose**.
- have a **rash** until a physician indicates that they may return to school.
- are diagnosed by their physician with a **bacterial infection**, i.e., strep throat, pink eye. Students should remain at home until 24 hours after the antibiotics have been started or longer if they do not feel well.
- have **head lice**. They should remain home until treated and free of lice. Parent must report cases of head lice to the school office.

Students who attend school with any of the symptoms noted above or who are at school when these symptoms develop will be sent home as soon as parents or an emergency contact can make arrangements for the student.

Sick children belong at home. They will benefit from it by losing less time from school and decreasing risks of serious illness. When your child is kept home, fewer children and staff are exposed to infection.