

Recommendations for School Exclusion

<u>SYMPTOMS</u>	<u>TEMPORARILY EXCUSE?</u>
Cold Symptoms	No , unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Fever and behavior change ✓ Child looks or acts very ill ✓ Difficulty breathing ✓ Blood red or purple rash not linked to an injury
Cough	No , unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Severe cough ✓ Rapid and/or difficult breathing ✓ Wheezing if not previously evaluated and treated ✓ Cyanosis (blue color of skin and mucous membranes) ✓ Tuberculosis until treated ✓ Pertussis until 5 days after antibiotic treatment
Diarrhea	Yes , if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ watery stool, increased frequency ✓ Diarrhea not contained in toilet until resolves ✓ Blood/mucus in stool, unless from medication or hard stools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Abnormal color of stool for child (i.e. all black or very pale) ✓ No urine output in 8 hours ✓ Jaundice (i.e. yellow skin/eyes) ✓ Fever with behavior changes ✓ Looks or acts very ill
Difficult or Noisy Breathing	Yes , if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hard, fast, difficult breathing that does not improve with any medication prescribed for the child for difficult breathing ✓ Barking cough with fever or behavior changes ✓ Chest retractions ✓ Looks or acts very ill
Earache	No , unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ fever with behavior changes ✓ unable to participate
Eye Irritation, Pinkeye	Yes , if <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purulent (pink or red whites of eyes with white or yellow mucus), or diagnosed with bacterial conjunctivitis, until treated
Fever <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 101° F orally ✓ 102° F rectally Ear measurements may not be reliable but are similar to rectal temperatures	No , unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Behavior change ✓ Child cannot comfortably participate in school activities, as determined by staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Staff attention to the illness must not overwhelm delivery of education to other children
Headache	No , unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Child is unable to participate in school activities, as determined by staff

<u>SYMPTOM</u>	<u>TEMPORARY EXCLUSION</u>
Rash	<p>Yes, if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rash with behavior change or fever ✓ Oozing, open sore ✓ Bruising not associated with injury ✓ Joint pain and rash ✓ Specific known illness such as scabies, impetigo, ringworm, chickenpox, etc <p>No, unless appears infected</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Allergic or irritant reactions ✓ Eczema ✓ Shingles (must be able to keep lesions covered with clothes and/or dressing)
Sore Throat (Pharyngitis)	<p>No, unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inability to swallow ✓ Excessive drooling with breathing difficulty ✓ Fever with behavior change
Stomach ache	<p>No, unless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Severe pain causing child to double over or scream ✓ Abdominal pain that continues after two hours ✓ Abdominal pain after injury ✓ Bloody/black stools ✓ No urine output for 8 hours ✓ Diarrhea ✓ Vomiting ✓ Yellow skin/eyes ✓ Fever with behavior change ✓ Looks or acts very ill
Vomiting	<p>Yes, if</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Vomiting 2 or more times in prior 24 hours ✓ Fever ✓ Vomit that appears green/bloody ✓ No urine output in 8 hours ✓ Recent history of head injury ✓ Looks or acts very ill

All symptoms listed in exclusion column require parents to consider seeking medical attention. Some illnesses require a health professional's note to return to school.

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